

# Community profile - November 2014

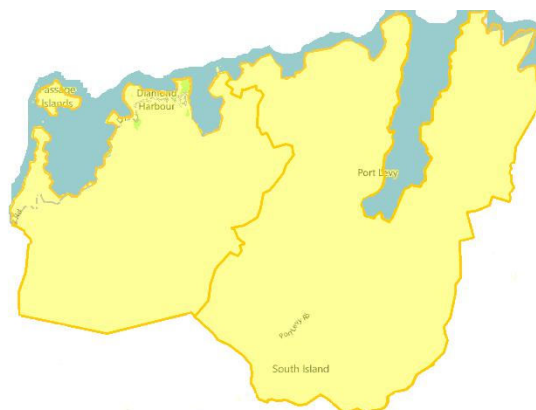
## Diamond Harbour / Port Levy

(Census area units: Diamond Harbour and Port Levy)

Banks Peninsula



 Profile Area



The Diamond Harbour / Port Levy area encompasses the southern slopes of the Lyttelton Harbour basin. West to east, it includes the communities of Charteris Bay, Church Bay, Diamond Harbour, Purau and Port Levy / Koukourārata, located low on the slopes and linked by a main road skirting the bays. Christchurch lies north-west of the area, and is accessed by road via Gebbies Pass (50 kilometres) or Dyers Pass (32 kilometres), or by passenger ferry to Lyttelton and then through the Lyttelton Road Tunnel via bus.

The area is characterised by significant tracts of reserves and farmland on gently sloping terrain with basaltic outcrops. Reserves include Sign of the Packhorse Scenic Reserve, Stoddart Point Reserve and Orton Bradley Park. In addition, Ripapa Island is registered as a historic reserve.

Diamond Harbour provides a focal point for the southern bay communities, with some local services centrally located. Additional services are available in Lyttelton or Christchurch.

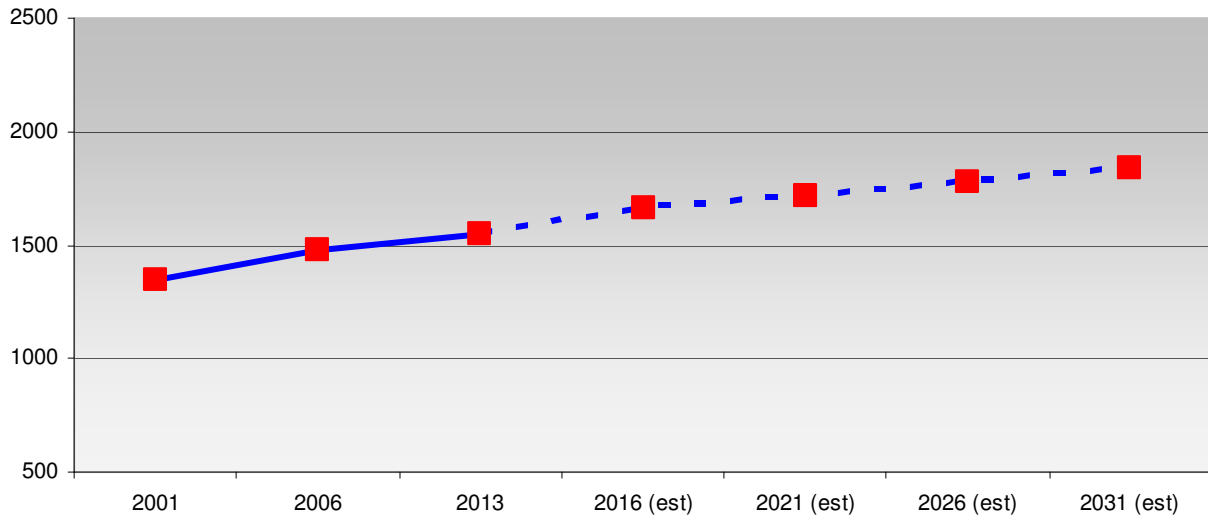
In the March 2013 Census the Diamond Harbour/Port Levy area had population of 1,545 and as a whole had very low numbers of teens and young adults: 15 to 29-year-olds make up only 12.6 per cent of the population in comparison with Christchurch City (21.4 per cent). More than half of the local population (54.7 per cent) is aged over 50 years, compared to 33.7 per cent in Christchurch City.

Diamond Harbour School is a full primary school (years one to eight) and caters for children across the Diamond Harbour and Port Levy areas. There are no secondary schools in the Lyttelton Harbour Basin. Zoning is for Cashmere High School, however, some secondary students attend Lincoln High School, and others attend various schools across Christchurch.

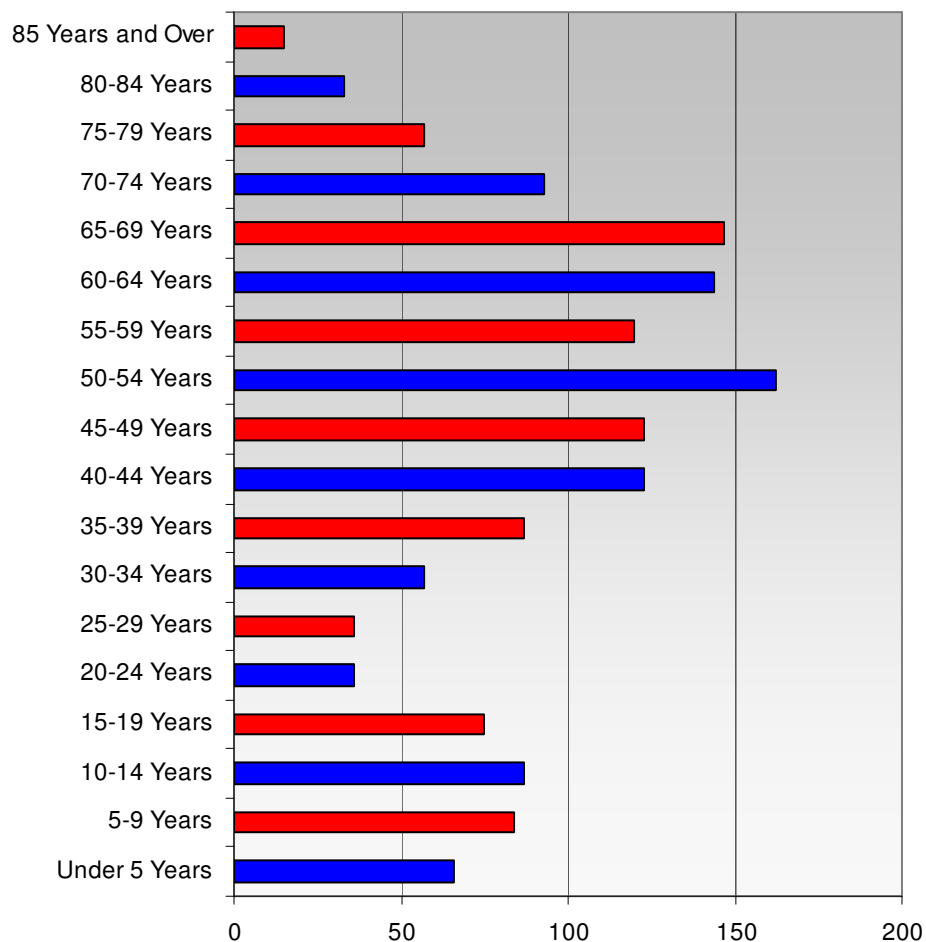
There is a medical centre in Diamond Harbour, but there are no rest homes. However, when Cressy House (the only retirement home in Lyttelton) was closed some years ago, proceeds from the sale of the property were invested. Interest is distributed through grants to benefit older adults in the harbour basin.

# Key demographics

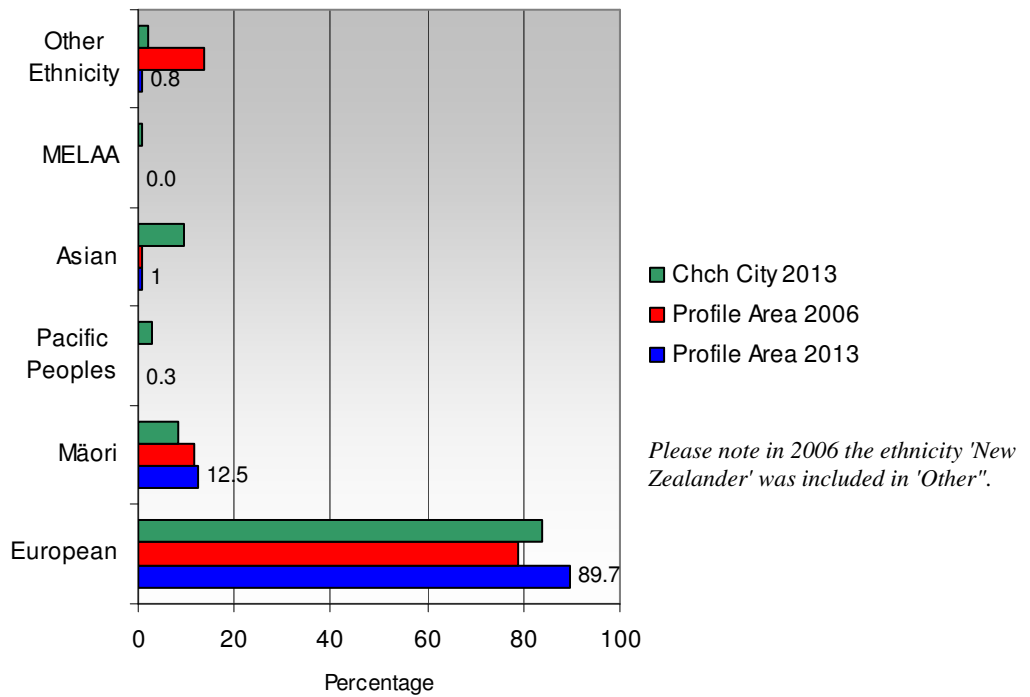
**Usually resident population count**  
(Data from Statistics NZ)



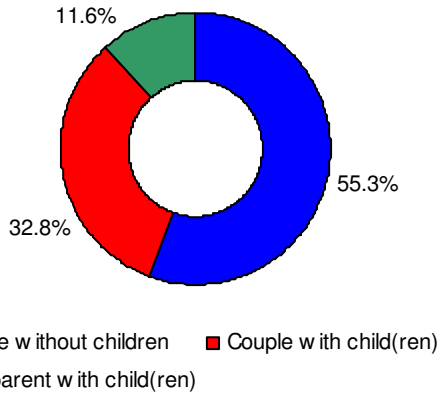
**Age for usually resident population (number of people)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)  
**Profile Area**



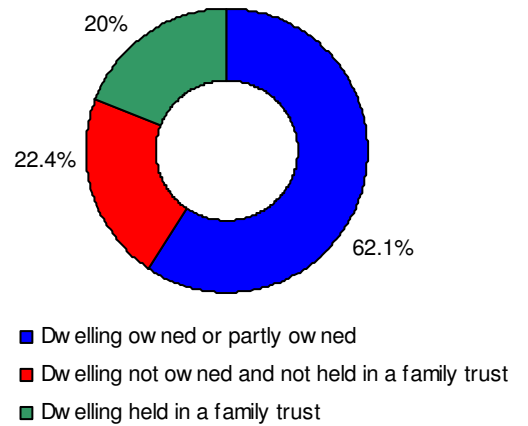
**Ethnicity for usually resident population (%)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



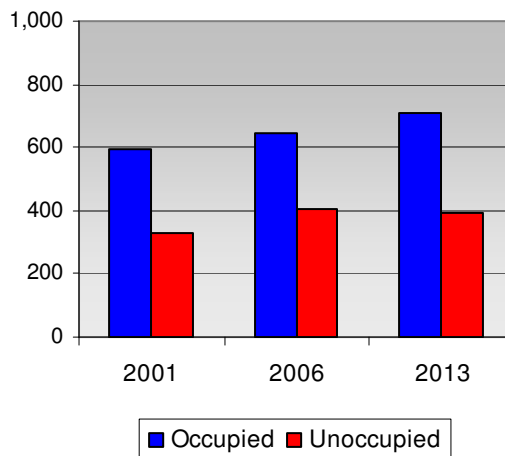
**Family type (%)**  
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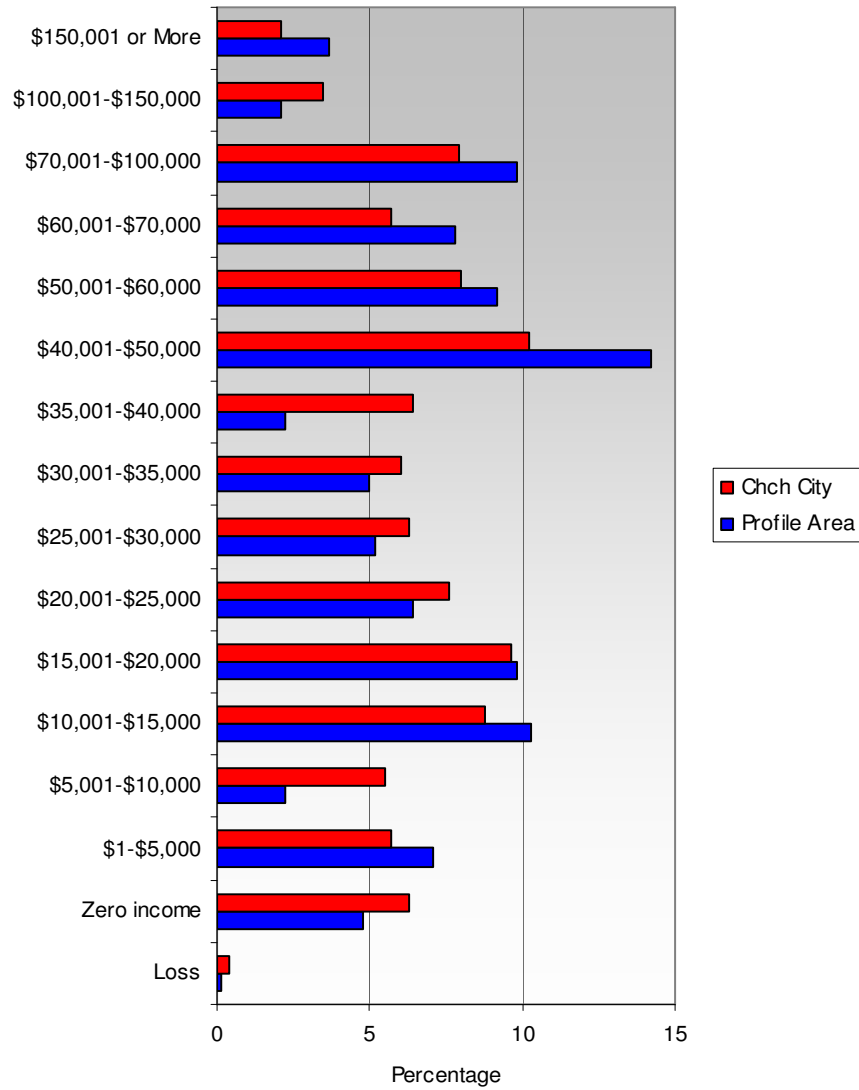
**Home ownership (%)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



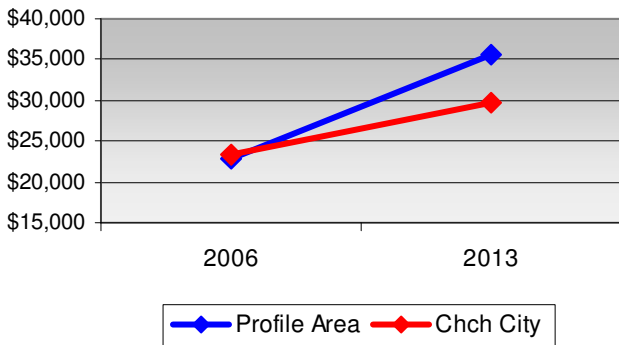
**Occupied and unoccupied Dwellings**  
(Data from Statistics NZ)



**Personal income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City**  
(Data from Statistics NZ)



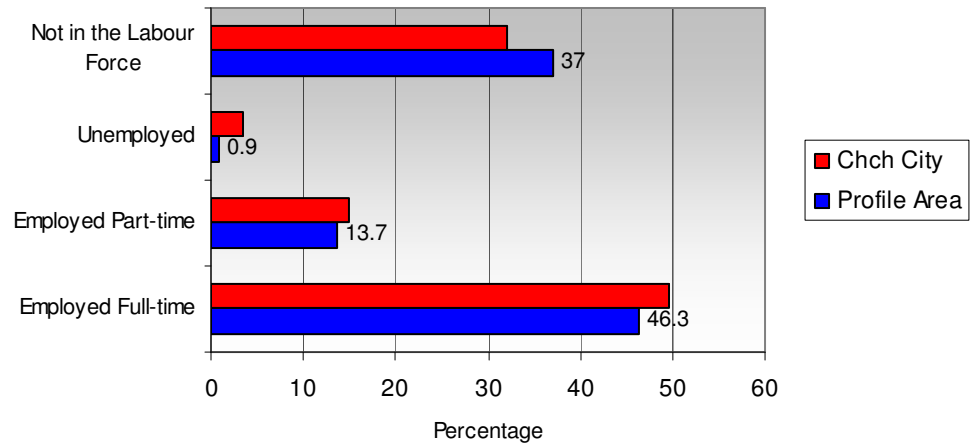
**Median personal income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City**  
(Data from Statistics NZ)



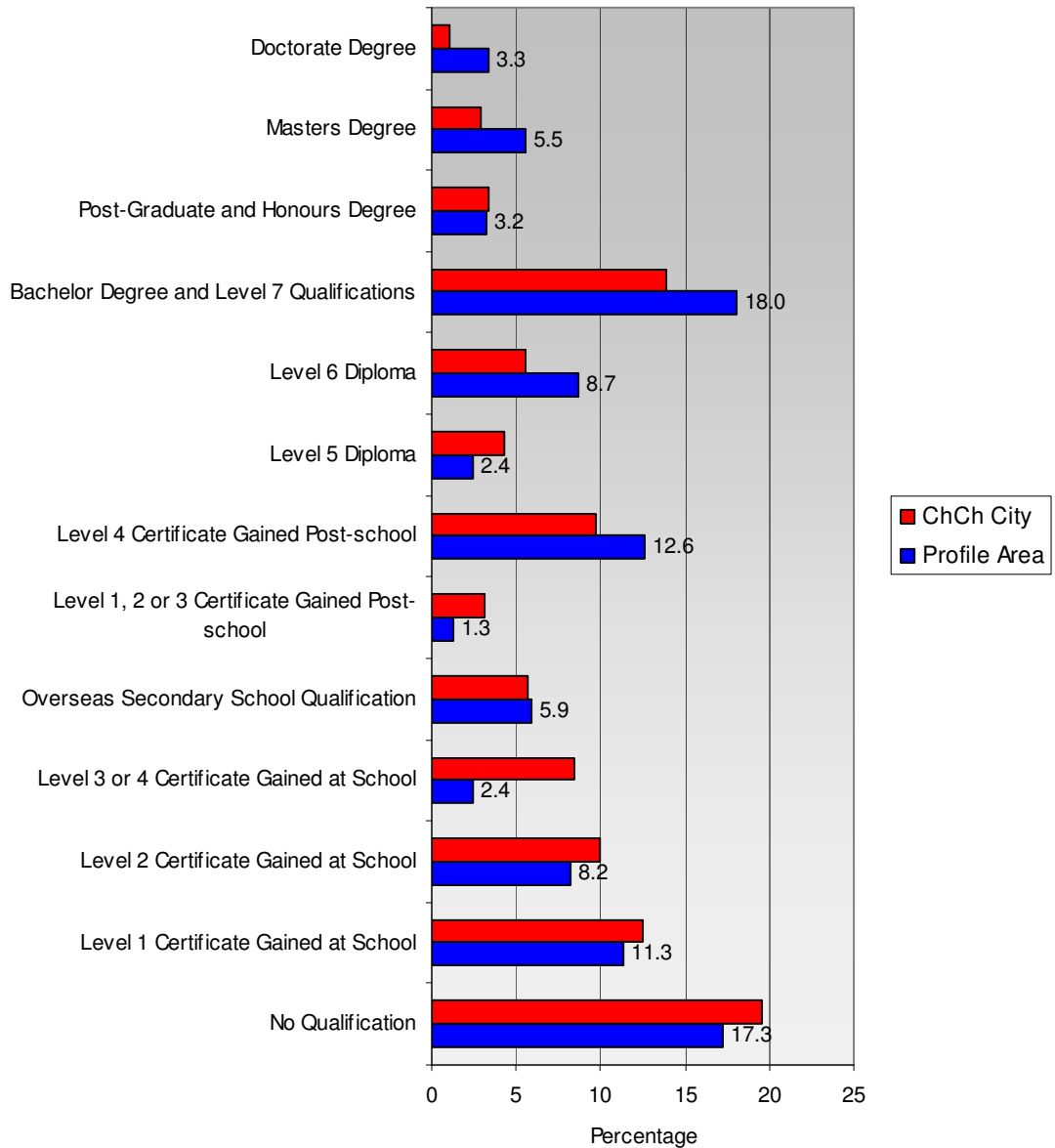
**Median weekly rent for rented households, in private occupied dwellings**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



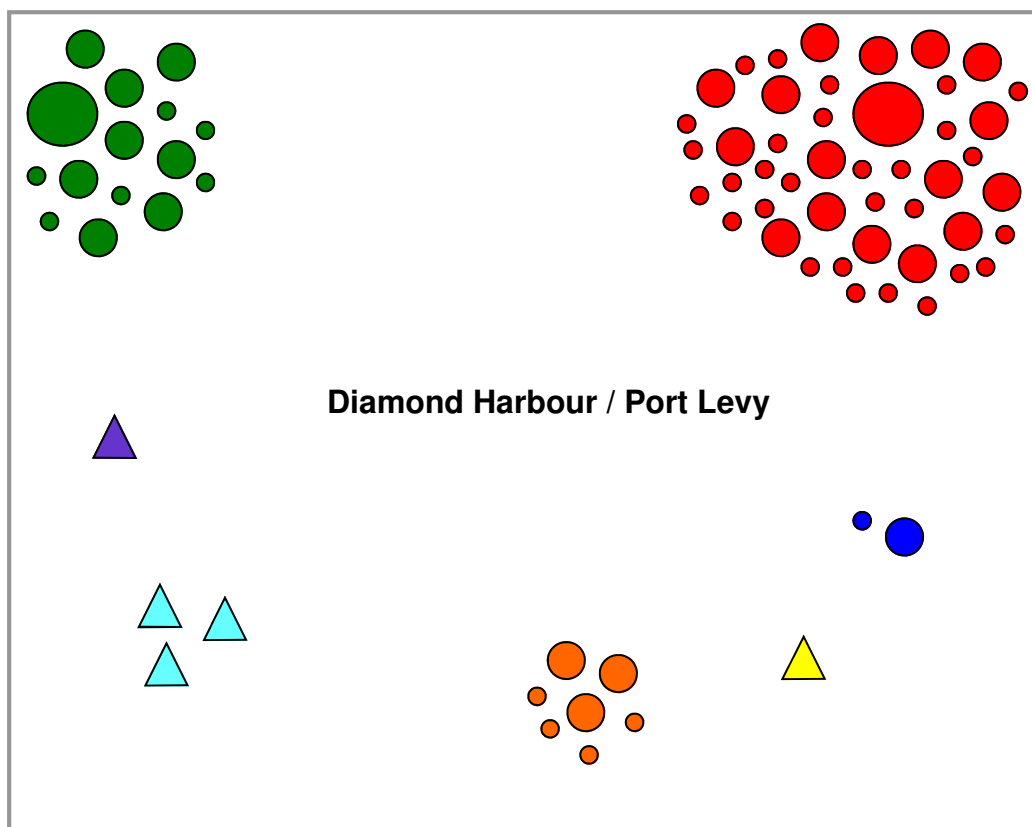
**Work and labour force status (%)**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



**Highest educational qualification for the Census usually resident population, aged 15 years and over**  
(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)



# Community infrastructure mapping



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| Community development/support organisations | Schools                              |
| Sport/recreation/leisure groups             | Community facilities (Council-owned) |
| Faith-based organisations                   | Libraries (Council-owned)            |
| Residents'/business associations            |                                      |

*The above ratings have been based on reach, diversity, and participation. For example, bigger circles tend to be groups that provide a wider range of services, or have large numbers of participants. They also tend to be groups that are well networked within the community.*

The diagram above shows only Council-owned facilities and libraries in the area. Community groups and clubs also provide meeting spaces for community use. The Port Levy Community Hall is available and the Port Levy Pool is open for use during the summer season. The Diamond Harbour Hall (and attached library) is temporarily closed.

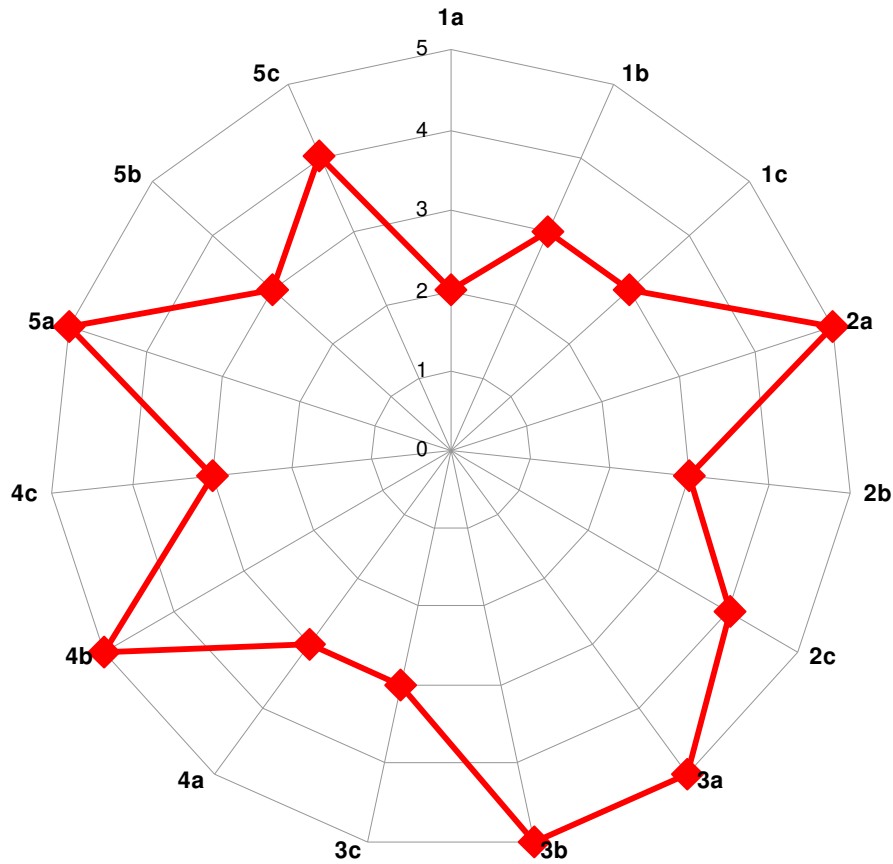
There is a wide range of sport, recreation and leisure opportunities within the Diamond Harbour area. Orton Bradley Park, which provides for camping, walking, educational activities and events, is of particular note.

Each discrete community has a resident/community association advocating for its local population.

Diamond Harbour School caters for primary-aged children residing in the five main settlements including Port Levy (15 kilometres away).

A Kidsfirst Kindergarten is being built on the school site and will be open for preschoolers from February 2015.

# Community resilience mapping



Scale: 1 = Low 5 = High

## 15 Measures of resilience

### Community Support Organisations (rating)

<b>1a</b>	# of organisations	(2)
<b>1b</b>	strength of organisations	(3)
<b>1c</b>	community development principles	(3)

### Volunteering (rating)

<b>2a</b>	investment in volunteers	(5)
<b>2b</b>	# of volunteer hours from Fundforce	(3)
<b>2c</b>	# of volunteer hours from Census	(4)

### Connectedness (rating)

<b>3a</b>	# of Neighbourhood Support groups	(5)
<b>3b</b>	# of residents' associations	(5)
<b>3c</b>	access to networking groups/forums	(3)

### Participation (rating)

<b>4a</b>	community events	(3)
<b>4b</b>	Fundforce participation rates	(5)
<b>4c</b>	club membership #s	(3)

### Preparedness (rating)

<b>5a</b>	# of Neighbourhood Support groups	(5)
<b>5b</b>	# households in Neighbourhood Support	(3)
<b>5c</b>	capability of groups to lead local response	(4)

**Note:** **2b, 4b** - These ratings only take into account figures from community projects funded by Council.  
**2c** - These figures are based on 2006 Census data as this information is not yet available for 2013.  
**3a, 5a, 5b** - These ratings are based on groups and households registered with Christchurch Gets Ready as at November 2013.

# Community environment

## Social environment

The Diamond Harbour/Port Levy area is geographically distant from Christchurch and may be isolated during emergencies.

The Diamond Harbour Community Association plays an important role in sharing information and providing support within the community. Civil Defence and other groups have worked together to ensure self-sufficiency for the area in case of emergency, and the local Neighbourhood Support network maintains records for coverage of the area, ensuring personal safety.

Diamond Harbour has a volunteer fire brigade and a voluntary Community Patrol service operates within the harbour basin. Other emergency services covering the area are based in Lyttelton.

There are numerous local community groups covering a wide range of social, creative and recreational interests. Local community facilities were not significantly affected by earthquake damage and have remained open, allowing groups to meet as required. However the Diamond Harbour Memorial Hall, which houses the library and rugby club, was temporarily closed recently due to the discovery of asbestos. The Diamond Harbour Men's Shed, provides opportunities for men of any age to have fellowship and to share and learn new skills from their peers, while working on community projects as well as their own. They also aim to mentor youth in the community by providing practical, hands-on experience of using tools and furthering interest in practical skills. The Mt Herbert Under 20 Trust provides a fortnightly van service to Christchurch for older adults.

The Stoddart Point Regeneration and Ideas Group (SPRIG) was established following the February 2011 earthquake and operates under the auspices of the Diamond Harbour Community Association. SPRIG is co-ordinating efforts to revitalise the village centre and ensure that the Godley House site is used to benefit the whole community. This has included running annual music events on the site over the summer.

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke has mana whenua within the harbour basin and Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata has mana whenua within Port Levy and the Eastern Bays of the Peninsula to Pōhatu.

There is a wide range of walking tracks of varying difficulty/steepness; these include the Mount Herbert Walkway and the Cliff Track, along with other tracks on the reserves. There are safe swimming beaches around the bays; water sports, including Charteris Bay Yacht Club; tennis courts at Kirk Park; and a domain and sports field at Stoddart Point. Port Levy has tennis courts and a community pool.

## Built environment

Two local buildings, both of which hold heritage status and are of historical interest, were badly damaged in the earthquakes: Stoddart Cottage is closed, and Godley House has been demolished.

Much of the older housing stock consists of modified and expanded baches; however, newer subdivisions have opened and substantial homes have been built to house the increasing resident population.

Both the Port Levy pool and the Diamond Harbour School pool open for the summer season each year.

A passenger ferry operates a regular service to Lyttelton from Diamond Harbour. This connects with a bus service through to Christchurch.



## **Economic environment**

There are a small number of small businesses operating from the Diamond Harbour / Port Levy area including cafés and shops on the main street in Diamond Harbour.

Godley House was badly damaged as a result of the 4 September 2010 earthquake and has subsequently been demolished. Godley House provided a focal point for the community, café food, conference facilities and accommodation. SPRIG is co-ordinating efforts and events on this site to reinvigorate the area and bring back visitors from further afield.

The Diamond Harbour Herald provides local information to residents via its newsletter, which is sent to all residents and is available through the Diamond Harbour website. In addition, Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre provides harbour-wide information.

The Purau Valley Produce Farmers Market takes place fortnightly during the summer months and provides an outlet for local producers from Charteris Bay through to Purau.

## **Natural environment**

Following the February 2011 earthquake, the main concerns for the reserves and farmland around the Lyttelton Harbour basin have been around cliff collapse, land movement and rock fall. Walking tracks in the area are generally open for recreational use. Purau–Stoddart Point track is currently closed. Some tracks close annually for lambing. Ōtamahua / Quail Island Recreation Reserve and its tracks and beaches in the central harbour are accessible by ferry.

The Diamond Harbour and Port Levy area is zoned green by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Agency (CERA) and does not have the technical categories as prescribed for flat land.

# Key Issues Identified

Key Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area relies on power, water and sewerage from Christchurch – each with just one conduit.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This risk is observed but unable to be mitigated at this time.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The risk remains and is recognised by emergency planners.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no fuel outlet in the harbour basin.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents are aware of this situation, and may decide to refill vehicles at half a tank and/or have petrol cans full for emergencies.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governors Bay Volunteer Fire Brigade are fundraising to build a storage facility where civil defence equipment can be stored, including a diesel fuel trailer for use in emergency situations.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising for the equipment storage continues</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road access options out of Lyttelton Harbour are limited to the various passes accessed by the road around the bays and the Lyttelton Road Tunnel from Lyttelton Township. Access to these passes can be compromised, especially during adverse weather events.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This risk is observed but unable to be mitigated at this time.</li> <li>The tunnel is closed to the public while dangerous goods are being transported – a delay of about 10 minutes.</li> <li>Large loads are transported through Bay communities on narrow windy roads and over Gebbies Pass.</li> <li>Mitigation works are planned for Evans Pass in order to reopen this lifeline road.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The situation remains the same while Evans Pass remains closed.</li> <li>A report providing geotechnical information, risks and the various options for making the road safe was considered by the Council in early 2013. The Council's Three Year Plan 2013-16 allocates funds for repair work. This major project will take at least 18 months to complete once started. A start date is not yet known.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evans Pass remains closed and future plans are in discussion.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The earthquakes reminded residents that the area can be isolated from outside services and help. In an emergency local people must look to themselves and collaborate for answers.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Civil Defence and Neighbourhood Support groups provide support for neighbours.</li> <li>Volunteers are currently undergoing training. Resources such as generators have been purchased for local use.</li> <li>Residents have been encouraged to ensure they have an emergency plan and provisions.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Lyttelton Harbour Basin Community Emergency Response Plan has been developed in the last 12 months. Implementation of this plan and local emergency response is an iterative process which involves local Civil Defence volunteers.</li> <li>Local community organisations, most significantly Project Lyttelton, are encouraging residents to become more self-sufficient through food security programmes, the provision of a community garden and the Grow Harbour Kids programme.</li> <li>The Community Board have launched an Edible Gardens Award for 2014 to acknowledge and celebrate edible gardening in the area.</li> <li>Neighbourhood Support maintains their database and has the whole area mapped (including coverage for baches and holiday homes), ensuring the safety of residents, especially the most vulnerable communities.</li> <li>Civil Defence volunteers have regular training sessions and harbour-wide training on a quarterly basis.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighbourhood Support maintains its databases and continues to provide links between members of the community, ensuring their safety.</li> <li>Civil Defence – no change.</li> <li>The Community Response Plan is undergoing its annual review.</li> <li>An Edible Garden Awards event was held in April 2014.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed Engineering Evaluations (DEEs) have been carried out on buildings and structures (including Christchurch City Council-owned facilities).</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the rural and discrete nature of the communities in this area, closure of community facilities would have significant impact on local activities.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Port Levy Community Hall was closed following the 2011 earthquakes as it did not meet 34 per cent of the New Building Standard (NBS). However, Council agreed to exempt the hall from its current building closure policy on the basis that it is not considered dangerous to occupy.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All inspections are completed on Christchurch City Council facilities.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local economy.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPRIG is organising a business expo early in 2013 to showcase and profile businesses and the area.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New businesses have opened in the area in the last 12 months.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local business growth has stabilised.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Godley House site.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2011 SPRIG organised weekly music events at Stoddart Point. For the 2012/13 summer season, the group has organised a sculpture trail and weekly music events.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPRIG is looking at ways to revitalise the local economy and take advantage of the location. They aim to ensure the Godley House site is used to benefit the whole community. Another nine-week music event is planned for the 2013/14 summer.</li> <li>Until a decision is made on the future use of this site Christchurch City Council propose to remove the post 1900 foundations, retain the pre-1900 foundations, fill in with soil and then open the site to the public.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPRIG has planned another music event for this summer.</li> <li>The planned site development is yet to be completed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No secondary school in the area means young people have to travel to Christchurch or Lincoln for secondary education.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2013/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local population recognises this issue as a barrier to social cohesion. NGOs supply some youth connection projects.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of social housing in the area means that locals may have to move through to the city to access social housing.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2013/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback from the local population has not identified social housing as a significant issue.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no retirement facility in the area meaning that elderly people have to leave the area if they are unable to stay in their own home.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2013/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local feedback does not indicate this as an issue requiring attention</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nearest supermarket is in Christchurch.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mt Herbert Under 20 Trust provides a fortnightly van service to Christchurch for older adults.</li> <li>Lytelton supermarket is scheduled to open during 2014.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lytelton supermarket has reopened.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No preschool in the area.</li> </ul>	<p><u>November 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kidsfirst Kindergarten has announced that they will build an early learning centre in Diamond Harbour on the Diamond Harbour Primary School site.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction is due to begin in early 2014.</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2014</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Kindergarten is being built and is scheduled to open early 2015. A Playcentre also operates, however there may still be provision gaps without a preschool.</li> </ul>