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Nearing completion: The design of the stunning 151 Cambridge Terrace was derived from its unique river setting.

Rippling landmark for central Christchurch

The riverside landscape of Christchurch's central city has a stunning new adornment as 151 Cambridge Terrace nears completion.

The six-storey building was built by Southbase and has 6,000 square metres of office space. It sits on

19 highly engineered base isolators. The curved lines and colouring are designed to mirror the vista of the nearby Ōtākaro/Avon River.

The completion of the 18-month build comes as another big development is revealed for the

central city. Construction starts soon on the Carter Group's \$140 million shopping, office and hospitality precinct called The Crossing in the Retail Precinct. It will comprise 14,000 square metres of retail and hospitality and 5,000 square metres of commercial space. The development is due to open late next year.

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CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Dr Karleen Edwards
Christchurch City Council Chief Executive

Over the last month we have been receiving submissions from our residents on our Long Term Plan which sets out what we plan to do over the next 10 years and how we propose to fund it.

I am very pleased that our Plan is attracting so much public interest given the impact the Council has on the lives of our residents. From a Council perspective this is the most important document we have produced since the earthquakes. It is our first Long Term Plan since 2009 and was to be reviewed in 2012. However the earthquakes in 2010-2011 changed our lives and city for ever. The overall cost to the public and private sectors of getting the city back on its feet is currently estimated at around \$40 billion. The Council's most important challenge over the next 10 years and beyond is helping to

fund the rebuild of the city and that is why this Plan is so important.

Now is the time for residents to have their say on services we provide, including core infrastructure – the three waters, roads and flood protection, parks and open spaces, sports and recreation facilities, libraries, arts and culture and transport. Over the next 10 years we are proposing spending \$10.4 billion excluding housing. We need to hear what you, our residents, think of our proposals.

We have been doing things a little differently with our engagement this year – trying to attract a demographic that we haven't in previous consultations. Councillors and community board members have been leading the conversation with the community at a series of public

meetings. Last month the Council pioneered the Mayor in the Chair initiative where members of the public were invited to come and sit in the Mayor's Chair and for five minutes give their views in front of councillors.

Information about our Plan is on our website and each day we are posting messages through Facebook and Twitter. Formal submissions close on 28 April, with public hearings in May before the Long Term Plan is adopted at the end of June.

We will soon be seeking feedback from the community on other key projects including the Representation Review, Development Contributions Policy and the Riccarton Road Bus Priority. ■



CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

John Ombler
Acting CERA Chief Executive

I want to mention two significant matters this month which will impact on the future recovery of greater Christchurch from the devastating earthquakes of four years ago.

Firstly, CERA is still working through the implications of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Quake Outcasts case. We are bearing in mind that the Supreme Court of New Zealand sets the final measures for all legal interpretation. We will comply with its decision and take notice of its interpretation of the Act we have been working within.

The second significant matter that is occupying my time is the transition of CERA's current functions for the future. The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act expires in April 2016.

That does not mean CERA, the agency, ceases to exist. It means the extraordinary powers that the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, and I, as the Acting Chief Executive, have had for recovery purposes cease at that time, as do the special Orders in Council made under the Act. For example, in the early days I could decide to demolish dangerous buildings, close roads when they were unsafe and require information on the state of buildings to be provided. Four years on (and by the time the Act expires, five years on) we will be in a very different position. We are currently looking at these matters.

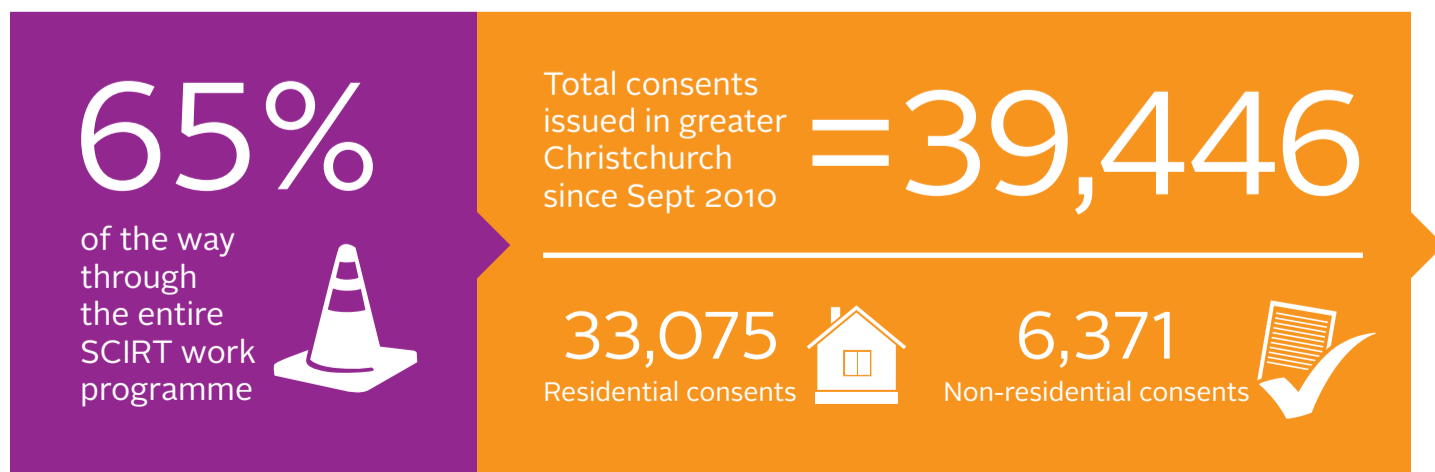
The work of Christchurch Central Development Unit will not be complete by April 2016, so the Government is

currently thinking about how best to deliver the anchor projects.

The clearance of Crown-owned properties in the residential red zone is not yet complete, and the future use of this large area has not been decided. Public engagement has occurred for Waimakariri, but has not yet begun for Christchurch city.

Although CERA is looking to transition its functions in the future, the Government is not pulling out of greater Christchurch. This is a work in progress. I expect to be able to share with you the details over the next couple of months. ■

Rebuild progress at a glance ...



Source: Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT), Statistics NZ.

Let's make some smart choices

Don't miss your chance to have a say on the Christchurch City Council's Long Term Plan by midday on Tuesday, 28 April.

The Council's biggest challenge over the next 10 years and beyond is to help fund the rebuild of the city.

The earthquakes have left us with an estimated funding shortfall of \$1.2 billion. The Long Term Plan consultation document explains how we will balance our books and continue the city's recovery.

Now is your chance to tell us whether we have achieved the right balance between what we have to do and what we'd like to do.

Our financial proposals

- raising \$750 million by selling shares in some or all of the companies owned by the Council through Christchurch City Holdings Ltd (CCHL)
- increasing rates by 8.75 per cent, 8.5 per cent, 8.5 per cent and 7.5 per cent over the next four years
- reviewing the Council's major work programme
- making further savings in the way we operate our services
- carefully managing our debt.

Having a say

If you missed one of the earlier public meetings, come along to one of these.

Area	Venue	Date	Time
Diamond Harbour	St Andrew's Community Church, 85 Marine Drive, Diamond Harbour	Monday 13 April	7 - 8.30pm
New Brighton	North New Brighton War Memorial Hall, Marine Parade, New Brighton	Tuesday 14 April	6 - 7.30pm
Riccarton	Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Riccarton	Wednesday 15 April	5.30 - 7.00pm
Beckenham	Sydenham Room, Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Beckenham	Thursday 16 April	6 - 7.30pm

The big issues

These are the projects we think are really important and should take priority:

- building a sustainable transport network
- restoring community facilities, contributing to anchor projects, and improving housing affordability
- restoring and renewing our drinking water, wastewater and stormwater networks
- protecting people and property from natural hazards and the effects of climate change.

Improvements

We have an opportunity to transform our city by ensuring our infrastructure, communities, environment and economy are more resilient.

We'd like to do this by:

- regenerating and developing the residential red zone
- creating a world class network of cycleways and a shift in the travel options
- restoring the Avon and Heathcote rivers. ■



Anne Coates won a contest to find an image for the Long Term Plan consultation document with her stunning photo taken in New Regent Street.

Making a submission

You can read the consultation document and make submissions online at www.ccc.govt.nz/LTP

Copies of the document and submission forms are also available at Council libraries and service centres.

Although it won't count as a formal submission, you can share your views on the Plan by joining discussions on the Council's Facebook page or tweeting with #CCCLTP.

Submissions close at midday on Tuesday 28 April.

Formal submissions and summaries of comments made online or at meetings will be considered by Councillors before they adopt the Plan at the end of June.

Meet the rebuild workers



Ruth Bullen Project Manager for Downer

Where are you from?

England. I came to New Zealand about 18 months ago.

What made you want to be part of the rebuild?

I guess it's that chance to be involved in putting a city back together. It's a good combination; as a civil engineer to be part of rebuilding a city and getting the lifestyle of living and working in New Zealand.

What excites you about the rebuild?

Working in the city – to see it happening and changing – particularly in the last six months or so.

Also I think it's the people that I'm working with: they're all a fair bit younger than me, and you hear them talking about their opportunities and what they are getting out of it. So it's good to be involved in helping them achieve that.

What challenges you about the rebuild?

I think there's an element of: as much as there's a lot getting done and it's pretty impressive how much is getting done; when you are in it every day, you'd like it to be done sooner. It's that balance between getting it done right and in the right order, compared to just rushing it through.



Artist's impression: The Piano: Centre for Music and the Arts viewed from Armagh Street.

The Piano: Centre for Music and the Arts underway in Performing Arts Precinct

Breaking ground on a new centre for music and arts in Christchurch's central city marks an important step forward for the Performing Arts Precinct.

The start of on-site works comes as finalised plans for the three-storey building were unveiled last month, along with a new name, The Piano: Centre for Music and the Arts. The venue was formerly known as the Music Centre of Christchurch.

The new name is intended to reflect piano-like elements of design by architect Alun Wilkie. Inspiration for the lines and shapes of his exterior design – the curves, rectangles and architectural details – can all be traced to those of a concert grand piano.

The centre will be located at 156 Armagh Street, near the newly restored and rebuilt Isaac Theatre Royal.

Completion is planned for June 2016.

For more information go to: musiccentre.org.nz

Strong public response over Earthquake Memorial and Victoria Square

Community interest in the six developed designs proposed for the Canterbury Earthquake Memorial has been outstanding, says Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority's Acting Chief Executive John Ombler.

Around 3,000 submissions on the **Canterbury Earthquake Memorial** came in from the public, who were able to see large images of the designs at a display in the Botanic Gardens, as well as online.

"We have been very impressed with the amount of effort people put into making their submissions. It was designed to be as easy as possible to have a say, but many people went the extra mile and gave us a real insight into why they liked particular designs," Mr Ombler says.

"This is a very important anchor project for the community so having so much public input is crucial."

The Memorial's leadership group will take public comments into account before making a final recommendation to Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee. The final decision rests with the Minister and will be announced in May.

"This is a very important anchor project for the community so having so much public input is crucial."

John Ombler

People are also being asked to share their thoughts on **Victoria Square**, with over 1,000 so far completing submission forms.

The aim of the public participation process is to find out what the best use of the Square will be in the future, and feed into the discussion about the next steps for the area.

Mr Ombler says as well as the required repairs to reinstate the Bowker Fountain there is an opportunity to enhance this special civic space.

The Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Nicky Wagner, will seek endorsement

from Christchurch City Council and Ngāi Tahu before any final decisions are made.

The public has until 24 April to take part in this first round of engagement, and will have a chance to review and comment on the consolidated submissions in the next stage of the process.

For more information, go to: ccdu.govt.nz

In The Know Hub opening soon

An information and education hub will open in Eastgate Mall this month, giving residents more information about the residential repair and rebuild process.

Called the In The Know Hub, the new centre builds on the successful EQC-led land hub that ran for two weeks in late 2014.

The hub will give people a place to go for information on the residential repair and rebuild process. They can talk to experts from various rebuild-related agencies. Importantly, by

getting this service now, people can also identify the next step that will help them make progress before winter.

The Hub will be staffed by community hosts, while the agencies involved will provide expert staff at regular, advertised times. Seminars will provide general information on key topics of interest.

The In The Know Hub is being coordinated by CERA in partnership with other rebuild-related agencies, including Christchurch City Council, EQC and Canterbury Communities' Earthquake Recovery Network (CanCERN).

The Hub will be open until the end of June.

Commonly asked questions and answers about the residential rebuild and repair process can also be found at the In The Know website: intheknow.org.nz

Positive early response to community garden concept

A garden for the community by the community could be a feature of the Christchurch central city.

Workshops on 17 and 18 March discussed the possible approaches to setting up a community orchard or garden beside Cambridge Terrace to the west of the former PGC site. Their aim was to explore the different approaches that could be taken to establishing a garden there and how the various groups might work together on the project.

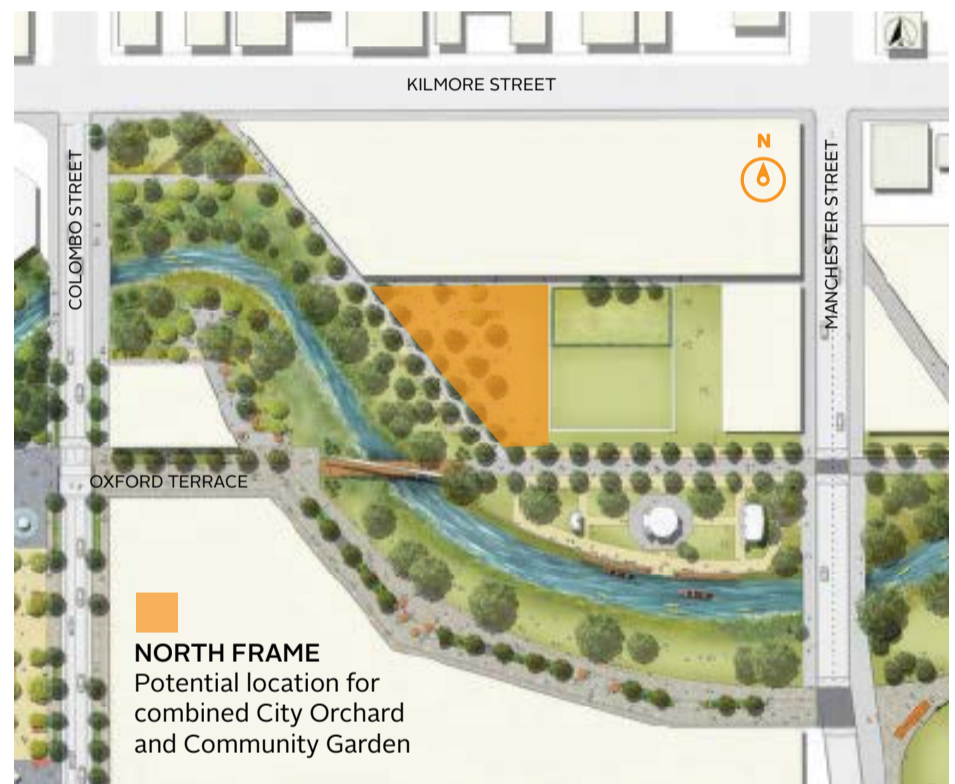
Ideas included a community garden hub that links to the many others in the region, orchards and social enterprise models.

Around 20 people attended each workshop from a range of organisations, including: community garden associations, Canterbury Horticultural Society, Canterbury District Health Board, Christchurch City Council, Greening the Rubble


and the Food Resilience Network. The response to the concept was enthusiastic, with the groups continuing to work out how to turn the opportunity into reality.

The North Frame Urban Community Garden project is part of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct, an anchor project in the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan. The Plan recognises that a range of features will enhance the city's amenity and natural values; among them are pocket and family-friendly parks, eco streets and community gardens. It also acknowledges the community's vision for a green, distinctive, vibrant and accessible city.

The next step will be an open call for expressions of interest in establishing a garden on the land.




Total approximate area = 1000–1400m²
City Orchard = 1100m²
Community Garden = 300m²



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“Everyone who lives here, everyone who has come through this, has come out stronger. It is an inspiration and I am proud to call this city home.”

PHILIP ALDRIDGE ONZM CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE COURT THEATRE

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Other Council facilities news

- Repair and strengthening work is scheduled to begin this month on the **Botanic Gardens Tea Kiosk**. It is expected to be completed in winter 2015.
- **Spreydon Library** will be closed from Monday 20 April to Sunday 3 May for earthquake repairs. The after-hours return facility will be cleared each weekday and items from Spreydon Library can be returned to any library in the Christchurch City Libraries network – the nearest is South Library at 66 Colombo Street. For more information, please call (03) 941 7923 or visit christchurchcitylibraries.com
- Residents have provided feedback on a proposal to build a replacement **Bishopdale Community Centre and Library** on the site of the former Bishopdale Creche in Farrington Avenue. A recommendation on the preferred site for the new facility will be presented to the Fendalton–Waimairi Community Board this month. Subject to the community board's approval, the Council will begin developing a concept design for the new facility.
- The Council last month agreed to proceed to the design stage of the new **Eastern Recreation and Sport Centre** at QEII Park.
- Work to replace the **Woolston Memorial to Fallen Soldiers** is underway. The Council aims to have the exterior of the Woolston Park sports pavilion and heritage facility complete in time for ANZAC Day.
- The new library, pool and community facility being built in Halswell has a name – **Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre**. The centre is set to open in November and will incorporate the existing Halswell Aquatic Centre alongside a 3,000-square-metre building for the new library, customer service desk and multi-purpose spaces.
- The Council has got the ball rolling on the city's long-awaited sports hub, with Councillors last month approving the development at **Nga Puna Wai**. It will combine facilities for a number of sporting disciplines, including an athletics track, hockey turfs, outdoor tennis courts and sports fields. ■

Work starts on new social housing units across city

Tucked away in a storeroom on the top floor of Christchurch City Council's Civic Offices is a humble, yet very special, spade.

It's special because whenever it's brought out, it breaks new ground to mark the start of something significant for Christchurch.

And it barely had the soil brushed off it last month before it was out again, turning the first sod for three separate social housing builds under way across the city.

After reaching a final settlement with the Earthquake Commission for its social housing late last year, the Council is now ploughing ahead with new builds to replace its severely quake-damaged and red-zoned housing units.

By building new units on existing social housing sites, the Council can make better use of the available land and provide tenants with more modern homes.

A total of 25 new units are scheduled to open between October and December at the Council's housing complexes in Richmond, St Albans and Addington. The Council also plans to start work on a further 16 units before the end of this year.

Councillor Andrew Turner, Chair of the Communities, Housing and Economic Development Committee, says as well as building more social housing units, the Council is raising the bar in terms of design and quality.



Harman Courts sod turning — Councillor Andrew Turner with long-standing tenants Ann McKenzie and Ahmed Kafedzic.

"The Council is building the type of housing that will contribute to our community's wellbeing for many years to come," he says.

"Specifically, these homes will cater to people on low incomes, elderly persons and people with disabilities. They will be warm, healthy, energy-efficient, fit-for-purpose and built to last."

All 25 Council units being built will achieve Lifemark accreditation, which shows that they meet specific design and accessibility standards to accommodate tenants' changing needs.

Each unit will be insulated beyond Building Code requirements and have wider pathways and doorways, higher wall sockets and easily accessible wet-area showers. ■

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An artist's impression of the new social housing units being built at Harman Courts in Addington. Image: Gravity Architecture



Artist's impression: View of the new Central Library from Cathedral Square.

Public feedback helped create our new Central Library

Christchurch residents had a big hand in the recently unveiled design of the new Central Library in Cathedral Square.

Christchurch City Council Libraries and Information Manager Carolyn Robertson says the 2,400 ideas received during last year's Your Library, Your Voice campaign had a big influence on plans for the \$85 million building which is expected to open in 2018.

"People asked for a mix of vibrant family-friendly areas and quiet places to read and study. There's also ready access to new technology, meeting spaces, a children's play area, a café, and a 200-seat community arena where we can hold events such as book launches and author talks."

The building was designed by New Zealand company Architectus in partnership with Danish library design experts schmidt hammer lassen.

Project director Carsten Auer says the ground floor of the library acts as an extension of Cathedral Square. "The classic old library was a big stone building with stairs leading up to it, and that can be quite intimidating. This is a building that invites people in. We want them to walk through the library in the same way they walk through The Square."

The colour and shape of the building facade were inspired by the folds



Artist's impression: An example of an outdoor terrace on one of the upper floors of the new Central Library.

of the Port Hills and the triangular leaves of native harakeke flax that originally grew around the site.

The design was developed in discussion with Ngāi Tahu and the Ngāi Tūāhuriri rūnanga. Terraces and openings on upper floors face culturally significant points in the Canterbury landscape and beyond

including Aoraki/Mt Cook, Horomaka/Pātaka o Rākaihautū – Banks Peninsula, and Maungatere – Mt Grey.

For more information, go to: christchurchcitylibraries.com ■

Activity guide gets upgrade

An online entertainment and activity guide has recently become more user-friendly with easy access to up-to-date locations. **FindChch.com** connects people with over 3,800 places to see, locations to eat at and things to do in Christchurch. The site is a mix of directory and map with suggestions of 'what's hot' and places similar to the ones users have indicated that they enjoy. The website lets you quickly and easily select what you are looking for – from eateries to dog parks, markets to petrol stations, outlet stores to pop-up projects. It is also mobile-responsive. An app (which includes eatery reviews from *The Press*) is available for iOS and Android as well.

Chills frontman lines up for NZ Music Month

A free event will launch New Zealand Music Month at Central Library Peterborough on 1 May between 7pm and 9pm. The headline act is legendary performer Martin Phillipps from The Chills, one of the most famous and kaleidoscopic characters signed by Flying Nun records. Other notable New Zealand musicians performing will be confirmed soon. Visit christchurchcitylibraries.com for more information. ■

Seeing the potential: An Auckland family choosing Christchurch

There were a few raised eyebrows from friends and family when the Murphy family decided to move to Christchurch from the North Shore in Auckland, but they say they're excited to be part of the rebuild.

To work in with schools, Carolyn and Phil Murphy, with their two children Sydney (14) and Mason (10), had only three weeks to pack up their lives for the shift south.

"From our experience in Auckland, everyone just hears all the negatives about Christchurch post-earthquake. But we see the potential here. We've kept up with planned new and redeveloped projects in Christchurch like the Arts Centre restoration, Justice and Emergency Services Precinct and shopping and residential developments," says Carolyn Murphy.

"We feel that there is the potential for the city to be a very vibrant, state-of-the-art place to work and live while retaining the natural beauty of its parks and gardens.

"A lot of inner city retail developments that are either proposed or are underway seem exciting. There's a great mix of shopping, late-night bars and eateries."

Phil Murphy, who has taken a job with Gallagher Group, says the Government and local government are taking a stand by moving forward with the rebuild.

"Once they get them [new buildings] up and get a few thousand employees in there, people will see that there's life back in the CBD," Phil Murphy says.

"Some local businesspeople I've spoken to say it's frustratingly slow but I say, from an outside point of view, it looks like you have actually moved ahead in leaps and bounds since I was last here about three years ago."

"We see a positive vibe happening in Christchurch. We would like to be part of this time and see what Christchurch is going to become," says Carolyn Murphy. ■



The Murphy family are excited about making Christchurch home.

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'Live Central' is a lifestyle concept embraced by other major metropolitan cities around the world, and it is what will also create the heart of the rejuvenated Christchurch.

Increasing the inner city population will have spin-off benefits for all sectors – business, commercial, retail and hospitality. Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city and supports a population of over 300,000 people within its extended

boundaries, and around 7,000 within the Four Aves.

The aim is to have at least 20,000 living in the city centre. There are already numerous central city residential developments planned and underway – the buzz is beginning. And no wonder, as the residential rebuild is estimated to account for almost half of the \$45 billion rebuild programme.

Living in the central city will mean living within a green space. The North, East and South Frames have all been designed to enhance the public spaces of the city and to link Hagley Park by a series of cycleways and walkways.

From the Bus Interchange to the Metro Sports Facility, the Central Library, Stadium and the Margaret Mahy Family Playground, the very best of the new city will be so much more accessible than ever before.

This urban setting will be dotted with new homes but also new cafes and new shops, new gardens and new green spaces.

THE AIM IS TO HAVE AT LEAST **20,000** LIVING IN THE CITY CENTRE

In the development of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan, research showed that a well-formed and vibrant central city produces economic and social benefits by bringing people together for business, cultural and social activities.

The result is greater productivity, connectedness, development of human capital, sharing of ideas and a shared identity.

This is what we want for our new city. A new way forward that allows us to embrace the past but to also enhance our futures.

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Migrants making Canterbury home

Dealing with all the challenges that come with arriving in a new country to work can be daunting for new migrants. Those employers who are new to recruiting, settling and retaining new migrant staff can find their role overwhelming as well.


Skilled migrants are coming to Canterbury to help with the rebuild in growing numbers. Temporary work visas approved for Canterbury have risen sharply from 5,425 in 2011/12 to over 10,000 in the 2013/14 financial year. The highest proportion of migrant workers come from the Philippines.

Skilled Migrant Business Services (SMBS) Christchurch helps Canterbury employers of newcomers to deal with settlement issues and challenges. The free service is funded by Immigration New Zealand and delivered by Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce (CECC).

HRS Construction Director Richard Gibb says when his company decided to employ Filipino workers about 18 months ago, he was "as green as grass". His firm got in touch with SMBS for advice.

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Working together on the rebuild: Richard Gibb and Amado Rabanzo welcome the support available through Skilled Migrant Business Services.

"They gave me paperwork with helpful tips for employers and hand-outs for the new migrant employees. The team also came along to one of our site managers' meetings and talked about what to expect [when working with people from different cultures]. Handy little hints we probably don't think about. It was a good eye-opener for us," says Richard Gibb.

He says he regularly attends monthly SMBS meetings for employers with Filipino migrant staff.

"That is fantastic because you get to bounce ideas and solutions around with people facing the same situations and challenges."

New migrant employees can also attend free SMBS Newcomer settlement seminars about living and settling in Christchurch.

Out of about 60 HRS Construction workers, 12 are Filipino, with three more starting shortly.

One of those employees is carpenter Amado Rabanzo who has been in Christchurch for almost a year. He says the experience is very different from the provincial farms where he and many other Filipino migrants come from.

"For me, Christchurch is open – I can bring my family here, I can stay here. It is a big opportunity for me."

Amado Rabanzo has a wife and two daughters, aged 9 and 14, in the Philippines. He plans to apply for permanent residency with the support of Richard Gibb and HRS Construction. ■



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Helpful information

- Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce: cecc.org.nz
- Immigration New Zealand: immigration.govt.nz or worktalk.immigration.govt.nz
- The *Christchurch Information Pack for Newcomers* is also available through the CECC website.

Christchurch City Council's website provides help for new and recent migrants. Go to www.ccc.govt.nz to find *New to Christchurch? Useful information for migrants and newcomers* which has information about:

- New Zealand health system and access to services
- settlement support services and service providers
- education providers, schools and childcare
- sport and recreation, cultural groups and community organisations
- community resources; libraries, information centres, internet access points
- sourcing employment, how to find a job.

Breathing new life into old wood

For Graham and Debra Thompson, losing their art gallery and café in the February 2011 earthquake was a huge blow. But they are the perfect example of creating opportunity out of adversity.



Rescuing rare wood: Seated on a recycled Kauri chair, Graham Thompson displays one of his post-quake artworks.

The Silvan Salvage owners are among a small group of businesses that specialise in deconstructing residential red-zoned homes by hand. They mostly work with contractor Sicon Fergusson, which allows them (with the required approvals) to strip out wood and other salvageable materials from houses before they are demolished.

The couple on-sell some items such as windows and doors, and find uses for the salvaged wood, which might become furniture, picture or photo frames or even art. They say the more time they are given the better and they've developed a good relationship with Sicon Fergusson, which sometimes gives them up to a week to strip out a house. In return, they can remove up to 10 or 15 tonnes of material from a house, saving Sicon Fergusson time and dumping costs.

Graham Thompson is a painter and the couple had previously owned a demolition company.

"We couldn't stand the waste – that's why we got back into it," says Graham Thompson. "We lost everything in one day and we had to reinvent ourselves anyway, so salvaging wood for art made sense."

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Graham Thompson

Recently they deconstructed the Avoca Valley house of friend and fellow artist Blanche Fryer. Some of the salvaged matai and rimu will be made into frames and furniture for an art gallery that she has just opened in an old church at Southbridge.

Debra Thompson says they work with PEEEP Trust which helps long-term unemployed people return to the workplace. Currently workers remove nails from salvaged wood and Silvan Salvage hopes to start teaching other skills such as wood restoration. ■

Arts Centre Gym a creative central hub

Material from a salvaged residential red zone home has become creative treasure for users of the restored gymnasium at the Arts Centre.

Restoration of the former Boys' High gymnasium, now known as The Gym, was completed in the middle of last year. The Gym occupies what was the Academy Theatre space although it has been strengthened and significantly altered to expose the original wood flooring and ceiling beams. It is part of an ongoing project to restore the 23 earthquake-damaged buildings that make up the Arts Centre. All but one are listed heritage buildings.

The Gym's Artistic Manager Dr George Parker operates Free Theatre and the Arts Circus Trust in the space. Free Theatre recently hosted workshops, in conjunction with the Whole House Reuse project, where people created puppets out of the salvaged materials of a red-zoned Christchurch home. The puppet show exterior was made up of a re-purposed shower unit and the puppets themselves were constructed out of pipes, wire, wood and other materials from the same house.

George Parker says by animating and reimagining the house materials through puppetry, seemingly redundant materials are given another life.

The Gym is also used regularly as a hospitality and performance space. In June, it will host the bicultural opera Te Puna Toi (following up from March's Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival).

George Parker says Christchurch is a different place now and people are interested in the way the city is evolving.

"You can't stand in the place – particularly if you are from here – and not have this weird sensation of a kind of combination of memory and desire. You've got the memory of what was and you're imagining what could be.

"So the point of this project – we see – is reflecting the city as that work in progress, an experimental place

where new things are being tried out. We're sort of starting that out in the Arts Centre, which we see as being one of the most exciting places in

the city because you can do new and diverse things," says George Parker.

To find out more, go to: freetheatre.org.nz ■



A shower unit salvaged from a red-zoned home is re-purposed as a puppet theatre in the Arts Centre.

Selwyn looks towards '25

Consultation on Selwyn District Council's Long Term Plan is now underway.

Towards '25, the consultation document for the Plan, sets out what the Council is proposing to do over the next 10 years and how it is planning to fund projects.

Some of the main projects in the Plan involve developing new roundabouts and widening roads on key routes connecting to the stage

two extension of the Christchurch Southern Motorway. A new flyover is also proposed between Hoskyns Road and Rolleston Drive to cater for anticipated traffic increases in this area. The Council also plans to invest extra funding in road maintenance.

New community facilities proposed include a new library in Rolleston, an

indoor sports complex in Rolleston, community centres at Prebbleton and Dunsandel, and a community and recreation centre at West Melton. Other proposed projects are the continued development of Foster Recreation Park and a new large-scale park for recreation activities. Improvements to roading, reserves and public spaces in central Rolleston are also included in the Plan.

of areas, the rate increase may be higher than this, while a number of townships may have a rate decrease.

To read the consultation document, *Towards '25*, and make a submission, visit selwyn.govt.nz or a Selwyn library. Information about local meetings on the Plan is also available on the Council website. Submissions are open until 5pm Monday 4 May 2015. ■



The Council is proposing to introduce a district-wide rate for water, wastewater, community centres and halls and recreation reserves so that everyone pays the same for these services regardless of where they live. Those who aren't connected to a Council supply won't be required to pay for water and wastewater. Households that are metered for their water will pay a reduced rate.

Most households in Selwyn will experience a modest rate increase of between zero and six per cent for 2015/16 as a result of the additional projects and levels of service that Council will undertake on behalf of the community. In a small number

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Putting sport first

It seems hard to imagine how Christchurch sporting stalwart Wayne Turner finds the time to get everything done.

He has been supporting children's tennis at Shirley Tennis Club as Junior Administrator since 1989. Wayne Turner is chair of New Brighton Rugby Club and is a Rawhiti Community Sports board member. He also owns Stirling Sport in The Palms shopping mall.

A humble hero, Wayne Turner worked tirelessly to save Shirley Tennis Club after it was badly damaged in the February 2011 earthquake.

The club, which is flanked to the east by the residential red zone, was swamped in liquefaction. The clubrooms and four courts were written off; some courts still face replacement. Wayne Turner was pivotal in raising the \$300,000 required to replace the four courts and top up the insurance shortfall to rebuild the pavilion which opened in January this year.

"It was a mammoth amount of effort – not only for me – but for the members as well. When we had the damage, it was either a case of trying to rebuild and get back to where we were, or simply walk away and try to find an alternative.

"I had a lot of energy given that I'm a life member, so I took it upon myself really to drive the fundraising effort, but if it hadn't have been for the



Wayne Turner at Shirley Tennis Club's new lightweight pavilion built on ribraft foundations.

members getting behind us in that working bee period we wouldn't have got here."

When you are part of the club for 30 odd years it's hard to walk away, says Wayne Turner.

New Brighton Rugby Club avoided serious damage in the earthquakes

and has remained strong, despite huge changes in the eastern suburbs. As well as being Club Chairman, Wayne Turner manages the Senior Division One team, which won its first championship for 30 years in 2013.

Wayne Turner's next goal, through Rawhiti Community Sports, is a combined facility at Rawhiti Domain

for local sporting clubs including rugby, softball, golf, netball, bowls and cricket clubs.

"I am a busy man, I know, but it's my way of giving back to the community." ■

Settlements begin for land with increased flooding vulnerability

Canterbury home owners have started receiving their settlement information from the Earthquake Commission (EQC) for land that has increased flooding vulnerability (IFV).

About 9,600 home owners were told last year that their homes may be eligible for settlement for this new type of land damage, which has never before been provided anywhere in the world.

EQC has done extensive flood modelling and aerial scanning, and thousands of site assessments, to reach decisions for each home. A declaratory judgment from the High Court has confirmed EQC's approach and, where repair is not feasible or consentable, allows it to settle by paying the loss in market value caused by IFV.

Head of Canterbury Land Settlement Keith Land says EQC knows people need to know where they stand. EQC is sending out settlement packs

as soon as they are completed. It is expected to take the rest of 2015 to complete the settlement calculations for everyone.

The packs say whether the land is eligible for IFV, and if so, how much the settlement is. Engineering and valuation reports, where applicable, are included. After sending the packs, EQC will call each home owner to discuss any questions they may have.

"Customers can also request a review of their decision at any time, and provide us with additional information that may support a review," Mr Land says.

EQC is continuing to work through an approach to settling claims for land damage known as increased

liquefaction vulnerability (ILV). The timeframe for completing this work is yet to be confirmed.

For more information, visit eqc.govt.nz/ifv

Contact details:

eqc.govt.nz

0800 DAMAGE or 0800 326 243



EQC begins sending excess invoices

EQC has begun collecting the excess owed by those customers who have had Canterbury Home Repair Programme (CHRP) repairs.

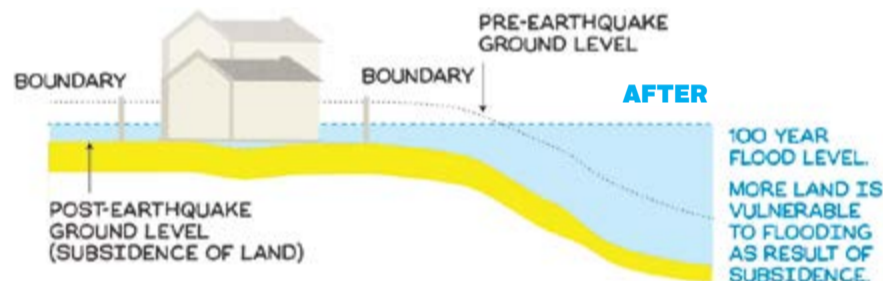
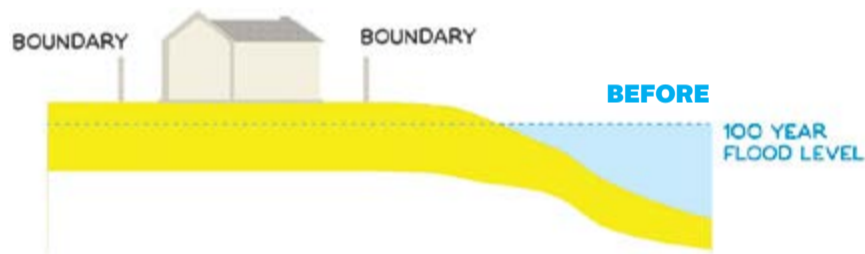
Like other insurers, EQC is required to charge an excess. Those who received cash settlements for damage to their homes and contents have already had an excess deducted.

Throughout 2015, EQC will be calculating how much excess, if any, close to 70,000 CHRP customers have to pay. Invoices will be sent as calculations are done, and those who have no excess to pay will also have this confirmed.

Most invoices are estimated to be between \$200 and \$600. Customers will have flexible payment terms available.

EQC invests the excess in New Zealand's Natural Disaster Fund to provide cover for any future events.

For more information, see eqc.govt.nz/chrpexcess



This diagram shows how ground subsidence from earthquakes has made some properties more vulnerable to flooding.

New headquarters for Environment Canterbury taking shape

Environment Canterbury staff are thrilled to see the progress with the new offices being constructed in Tuam Street.

As well as being a modern, user-friendly office space, the new site will be eco-friendly and a great resource for Cantabrians and their business with the regional council.

Environment Canterbury Chief Executive Bill Bayfield says it's exciting to see the central city moving ahead like this.

"Environment Canterbury is happy to be one of the first major organisations back for the long term in the central city, with Christchurch-based staff together again at one site. Working across several offices all over the city and at Lincoln, as they are currently are, has been challenging," says Bill Bayfield.

The building will have a base isolation system for earthquake protection.

Currently the build is a little behind schedule, but everything is expected to be back on target at the end of July and completed by the end of February next year. Costs are well within the budget at this stage, and expected to stay that way. The total project budget is just under \$49 million including furniture and fittings.



Situated within the South Frame, Environment Canterbury's new offices will be a key part of the revitalisation of the central city.

So far, the basement excavation of more than 7,800 cubic metres and foundation piling to approximately 15 metres below ground have been completed. Half of the first-floor concrete has been poured and scaffolding will be going up soon to do the other half. Work will then quickly move to the second, third and fourth floors.

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Coming to terms with Christchurch's land issues

Wondering how Christchurch City Council strikes a balance between quarrying and other activities in the rural zone? Or concerned about possible loss of character in neighbourhoods post-earthquake?

These are issues that are addressed in the District Plan Review that's currently underway.

To encourage people to learn about what's coming up, the Council has produced information sheets

on issues such as quarrying and residential character areas. These are topics covered by stage two chapters in the review. The sheets help people learn more about the issues and the proposals before making a formal submission.

The information sheets are available online at www.ccc.govt.nz/dpr and at Council service centres and libraries.

A wider range of information sheets — one each for most of the stage two chapters — will be available at notification on 2 May 2015. ■

Development Contributions Policy 2015

Christchurch City Council is proposing some changes to its Development Contributions Policy and would like your views. The proposed changes will affect catchments, minor residential units and how and when the Council reassesses development contributions. To comment before 12 noon on Tuesday 28 April, go to www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Riccarton Road bus priority

Design options for Riccarton Road bus priority are out for public comment from 20 April. Christchurch City Council wants your views on the proposed option(s), which may mean changes to bus lanes, cycle lanes, parking, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. The aim is to achieve reliable travel times for bus passengers, improve pedestrian and cycle safety, and help make the main retail area more people-friendly. To comment, go to www.ccc.govt.nz/riccartonbusconsultation before Monday 18 May.

Representation Review 2015

Next month, Christchurch City Council will ask for your comments on the Representation Review. The six-yearly Review proposes changes to the local election ward boundaries, and to councillor and community board numbers and membership. If adopted, the proposed new wards may affect your area. To comment on the proposal and view the draft ward maps, go to www.ccc.govt.nz/representationreview ■

Agencies answer your DIY questions

It's been a successful start for a joint initiative to raise awareness among home owners about the importance of managing asbestos when undertaking DIY work.

More than 3,000 home owners have visited the asbestosaware.co.nz website since its launch in November 2014.

Seventy thousand flyers were distributed through DIY centres and Christchurch City Council offices in Christchurch. In areas where asbestos is most likely to be an issue such as in ceiling panels, an additional 30,000 flyers were delivered to homes.

The campaign was managed by the Combined Health and Environment Risks Programme Control Group.

Chairman Don Chittock says the website was set up to provide a single point of information drawing from a range of sources.

"WorkSafe New Zealand was educating builders, employers and construction workers but we felt the DIY-ers were at risk of not getting the right information. But after the mailbox drop, visits to the website increased so that tells me we were hitting the right people with the right information about how to manage their DIY projects," says Mr Chittock.

The website includes details about identifying and testing for asbestos, as well as how to dispose of it and manage risks. It also provides contact details for testing facilities and for certified removalists.



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The group represents Environment Canterbury, CERA, Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council, WorkSafe New Zealand, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Canterbury Public Health. ■

Contact details:

asbestosaware.co.nz

Families wasting hundreds of dollars each year on groceries

What is the most expensive food you have bought and thrown away uneaten? What is the rankest food item in your fridge?

In Canterbury, the average family wastes more than \$560 each year buying food they later throw away.

WasteMINZ has launched a national education campaign to help people learn how to 'Love Food Hate Waste'.

Between March 2014 and February 2015, Waste Not Consulting undertook audits of food waste generated by households around New Zealand. The contents of domestic

kerbside refuse bins and bags from 1,402 households, including some in Canterbury, were collected and sorted. The food audits found whitebait, salmon, steaks and even Bluff oysters in people's rubbish.

WasteMINZ research showed most people don't realise how much good food they are throwing away and how much it is costing them.

Christchurch City Council Acting City Water and Waste Unit Manager

Tim Joyce says that, despite having a separate green bin for food and garden waste, 32 per cent of the rubbish Christchurch people put into the red-lidded bins is garden waste, with the bulk of it food.

"The real tragedy is that so much of that food could have been eaten.

"The cost of avoidable food waste in the whole of Canterbury is more than \$113 million and that is enough to provide lunch for every primary and

secondary school child in the region for just over three years," Mr Joyce says.

Love Food Hate Waste focuses on the top 10 foods that New Zealanders throw away each year – bread, leftovers, potatoes, apples, chicken, bananas, lettuce, oranges, pumpkins and carrots. It offers six ways to reduce food waste: plan meals and buy only what you need; store bread in the freezer; keep potatoes in the dark; take leftovers for lunch; stew fruit or make smoothies. ■

SCIRT wastewater work in full swing in Aranui

If you're an Aranui local or regularly travel through the area, you'll be well aware of the small army of excavators and machines working their way through the streets and berms. SCIRT's City Care and Fletcher crews are installing a new vacuum wastewater system in the area.

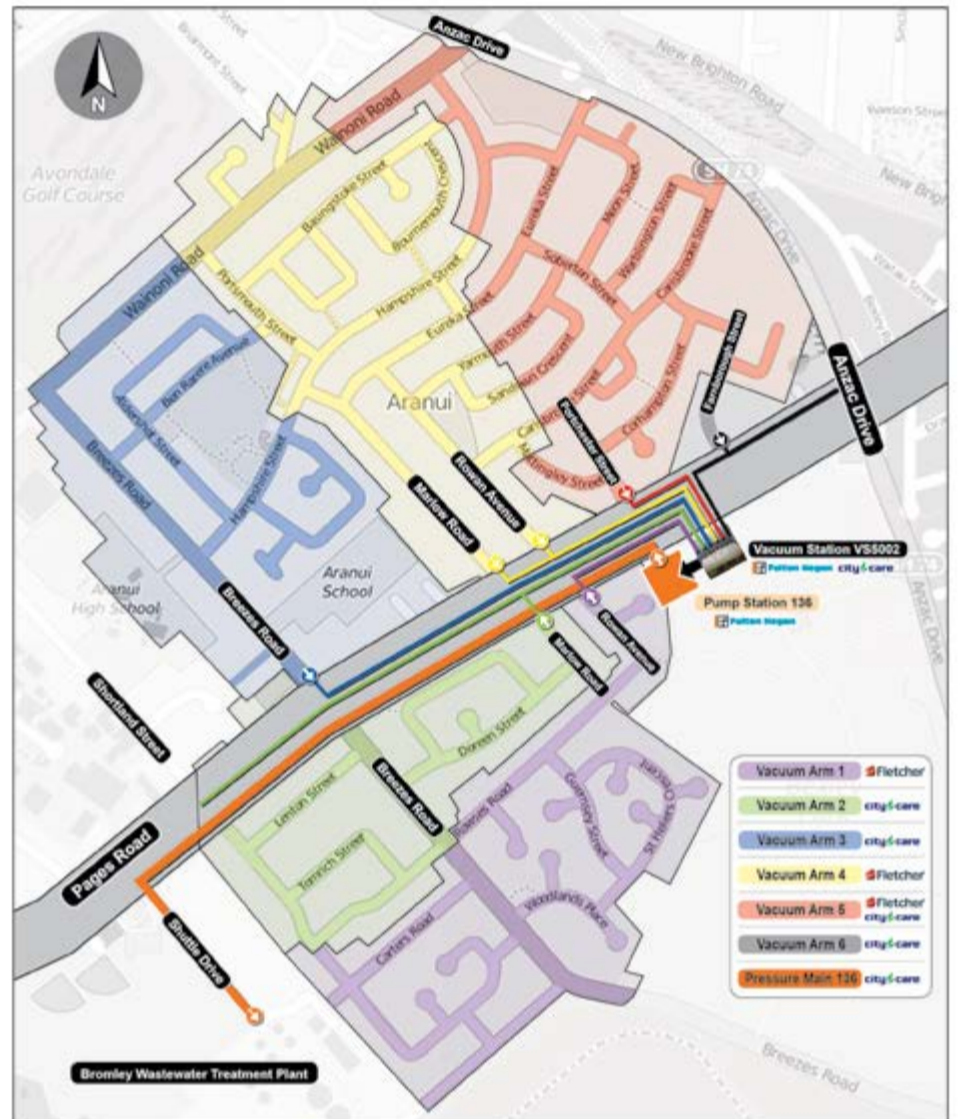
Around 2,600 households and businesses will be connected to the new wastewater system, which is designed to be more resilient in the event of a future earthquake. Unlike traditional gravity wastewater systems, the vacuum system does not rely on gravity for the wastewater to flow.

As part of this work, six vacuum pipe networks or 'arms' are being installed in the streets either side of Pages

Road (see map). These arms will then run down Pages Road to the new vacuum pump station in Bexley Reserve. The new pipes will replace the old gravity pipes which were badly damaged during the earthquakes.

In addition to the pipes, large collection chambers are being placed under the ground in Aranui. These vacuum chambers collect the wastewater from about three or four properties, before it enters the vacuum pipes.

Work on the new vacuum wastewater system is progressing well. So far well over 2,500 metres of pipe have been installed, and over half of the vacuum chambers have been placed in the ground. Around 750 vacuum chambers will be installed altogether.



Above: Six vacuum wastewater pipe networks or 'arms' being installed in the Aranui area.

New wastewater pressure main on Pages Road

As well as the new vacuum pipes, a new 800-millimetre-diameter wastewater pressure main (pipe) is being installed on Pages Road. This new pressure main will take all the wastewater from the new pump station in Bexley Reserve to

the Bromley wastewater treatment plant. This new pressure main is hugely important because it will transport all of the wastewater from households in the north-east of the city (from Spencerville to Southshore) to the treatment plant.

Traffic impacts

Road closures and detours are necessary to complete this complex work. Please watch for changing traffic management in the Aranui area.

- A one-way system, city bound, is in place along Pages Road between Anzac Drive and Breezes Road until the end of 2015.
- Currently, there is also a one-way system (city bound) on Pages Road, between Breezes Road and Shuttle Drive (Cowles Stadium). This is expected to be in place until mid 2015.
- Detours are in place for traffic heading east towards New Brighton – follow the signage.
- For information about other road closures and detours in the area check SCIRT's work notices and traffic updates available at strongerchristchurch.govt.nz



A SCIRT City Care crew busy installing vacuum wastewater chambers on an Aranui street.

Aranui residents welcome workers

Aranui residents have welcomed SCIRT crews to their neighbourhood by cooking up a storm. They've been sharing baking and morning tea with crews working on the new vacuum piping network in their streets.

Filipo Manase (Manz), who works for Pipeline and Infrastructure – an Auckland crew sub-contracted to

SCIRT's Fletcher team – said his team was lucky enough to be treated to some home baking recently by a Shortland Street resident.

"The people in Aranui and Wainoni have really looked after us and when they heard we are from Auckland, they were thrilled to support us. The home baking is just the icing on the

cake. It is really important to us to talk to people and do whatever we can to help," says Manz.

Thanks to everyone for your patience while SCIRT crews are working in the area. ■

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Gallipoli pine seedling to mark anniversary

A very special tree will be planted in the Park of Remembrance in Christchurch as part of the commemoration activities for the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

The tree is a Turkish red pine or *Pinus brutia*, a tree native to Turkey and surrounding areas. It will be planted on Poppy Day, 17 April, due to the heavy schedule of events on Anzac Day.

It was grown from a seed collected from the only authenticated New Zealand descendant of the original Gallipoli Lone Pine. A cone from that tree was brought to this side of the world by Australian soldier Sergeant Keith McDowell after World War 1.

Crown Research Institute Scion has been raising 40 seedlings and Christchurch-based science researcher Alan Leckie was instrumental in bringing one to the city.

Christchurch City Council Civic and International Relations Manager Duncan Sandeman says the Park of Remembrance is an appropriate

place to plant the seedling. It is close to the Bridge of Remembrance and Triumphal Arch.

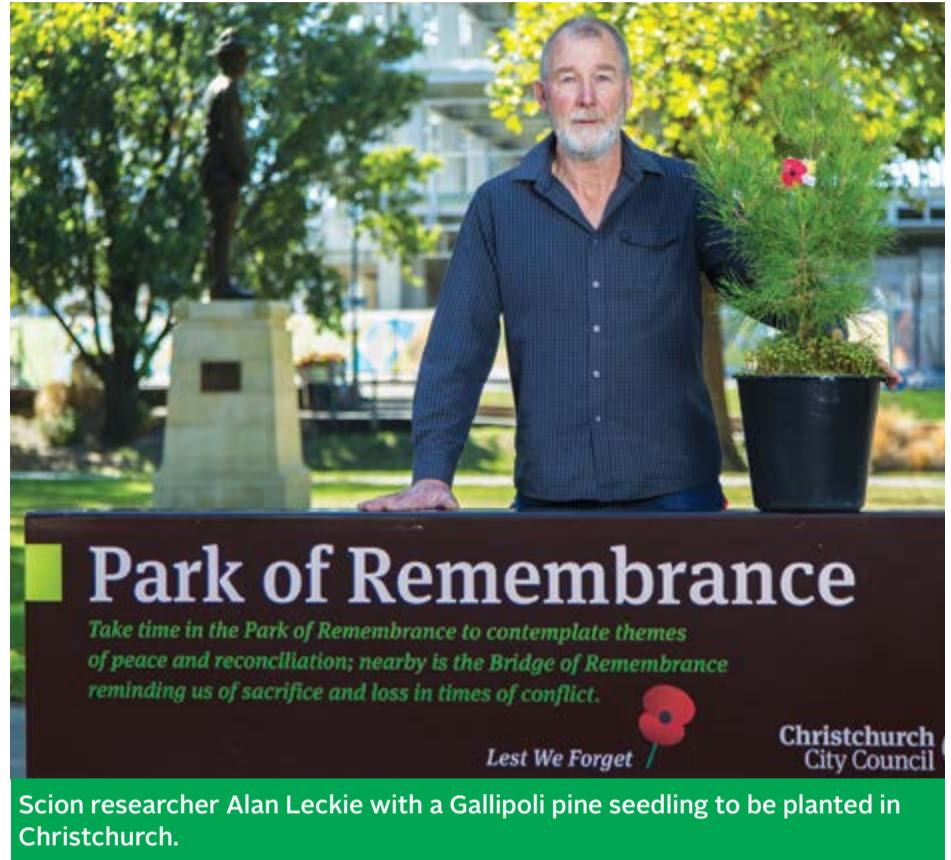
"It is hoped that this tree will flourish in the Park of Remembrance and in another 100 years it will still be there as a symbol that we will never forget the sacrifices made last century," Mr Sandeman says.

The planting is part of a series of seven commemorative tree plantings planned over the next three years. Each will be on an important anniversary relevant to World War 1.

One in five of the 108,000 men and women who left New Zealand to take part in the war did not return.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Anzac Day, 25 April, a parade will form on Armagh Street, outside the



new RSA clubrooms, at 6am and march to Cranmer Square for a dawn service. This will be followed by a

Citizens' Service at the Transitional Cathedral at 10am. ■

Christchurch war memorials being fixed

Work is progressing well on one of Christchurch's most popular and notable memorial sites, the Bridge of Remembrance and Triumphal Arch.

The Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) is managing the project.

Stone has been removed from the north abutment and grout injected into cracks in the concrete. Cracked

stone is replaced with new stone sourced from Tasmania.

A 100-millimetre-wide gap between the arch column and the bridge abutment will allow the arch to move in an earthquake. It does not affect the bridge structure.

Rocking collars and steel reinforcing being installed around the Triumphal Arch will allow each column to move independently in an earthquake.

Work on the Bridge of Remembrance is due to be completed by September 2015.

Sixteen of the city's 27 war memorials were damaged in the earthquakes. Five have been repaired and repairs are scheduled for the remainder.

For more information on the Bridge of Remembrance repairs: strongerchristchurch.govt.nz ■

Useful contacts



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Environment Canterbury
03 353 9007
ecan.govt.nz

Canterbury Support Line
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Earthquake Support Coordination Service
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Residential Advisory Service
03 379 7027
0800 777 299
advisory.org.nz

Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service
0800 673 227
quakeaccommodation.govt.nz

What's on...

Cavell Leitch NZ Jazz and Blues Festival

7-12 April

Charles Luney Auditorium, St Margaret's College

This festival is known for profiling some of New Zealand's finest musicians and showcasing a selection of international artists.



The Food Show

1-3 May, 10am-5pm
Horncastle Arena

The chance to taste and buy from a huge range of the best food, drink, and kitchen equipment. From \$15, U5 FREE



Autumn Racing Season

Sat 11, 18 April, 2 May - 11.30am
Riccarton Park Racecourse

Quality thoroughbred racing as the best young horses through to the open grades battle for supremacy.



Ricky Martin

21 April, 7.30pm
Horncastle Arena

Grammy award-winning music superstar Ricky Martin is back for his One World Tour. From \$99.90



The Wizard of Oz

15-18 April, 3pm and 6pm
Southern Ballet & Dance Theatre

A fun-filled spectacle, featuring Christchurch's three jazz companies. From \$12.50



Rumble in the Rubble

17 April, 6.30pm
Cathedral Square

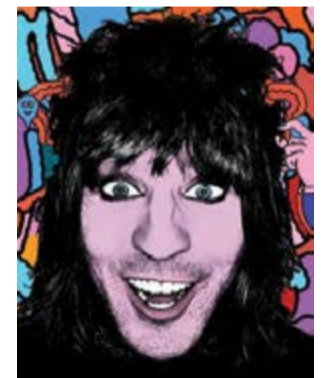
An open-air boxing fight night featuring contenders from 16 different companies.



Mainland Tactix v Adelaide Thunderbirds

20 April,
Doors open 6.40pm
Horncastle Arena

General admission from \$20



An Evening with Noel Fielding

14 May, 8pm
Isaac Theatre Royal

From \$82.40



The Baroque Festival in association with Beca Opulence

13 May, 7.30pm
Knox Presbyterian Church

From \$18



Pet Expo

11-12 April, 10am-5pm
Pioneer Recreation and Leisure Centre

Adults \$14, Kids \$8
Family Pass \$45



Gallipoli 100 - ANZAC Remembered 2015

25 April, 2-4pm
Charles Luney Auditorium, St Margaret's College

This performance honours the 1915 Gallipoli landings and celebrates the spirit of ANZAC men and women. From \$15

The events featured on this page are just a selection of what's happening in Christchurch over the next few weeks. Find out more online. ■

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