



Hard at work: The foundation for the Bus Interchange takes shape. The Interchange is being constructed in a joint venture between Australian company Thiess and Christchurch's Southbase Construction.



Trucks last month bringing concrete for the first pour for the main foundation slab of the Justice and Emergency Services Precinct. The operational car park will have its own foundation slab when construction starts at a later date.

Massive concrete pours for central city anchor projects

Hundreds of truck-loads of concrete are being poured into the ground in the central city as the foundation slabs for the Bus Interchange and the Justice and Emergency Services Precinct take shape.

The Bus Interchange pour on 23 September was the largest continuous concrete pour in Christchurch since the earthquakes. Involving about 1,460 cubic metres of concrete, the foundation slab was created for the Lichfield Street frontage of the central city anchor project. The continuous pour took over eight hours and about 250 truck-loads of concrete from three different production plants.

Christchurch Central Development Unit Director Warwick Isaacs says the pour marks a significant moment for the city's rebuild.

"It is exciting to see the Bus Interchange taking shape. It is a key anchor project and a vital component of Christchurch's transport plan *An Accessible City* where users will be sharing the streets and spaces differently to what we knew before."

The Bus Interchange is expected to be operational by Winter 2015.

While this is the largest continuous concrete pour on an anchor project to date, ultimately it will not be the biggest slab to be laid. The Justice and Emergency Services Precinct, when completed, will have the largest main slab for an anchor project at that time, measuring about 9,600 cubic metres.

The first of 10 concrete pours by main contractor Fletcher Construction got underway in mid September, with 32 trucks making 200 deliveries of concrete over a nine-hour period. The Justice and Emergency Services Precinct's main foundation is a 1.2-metre reinforced concrete raft slab. Each pour incorporates about 300 tonnes of reinforcing steel, all placed by hand. Pours will continue on Saturdays, to minimise traffic impact, until late November.

The Justice and Emergency Services Precinct will be home to the Ministry of Justice; New Zealand Police; Department of Corrections; New Zealand Fire Service; St John; and local and regional civil defence and emergency management teams.

Ministry of Justice Chief Executive Andrew Bridgman says the Precinct reflects the Government's commitment to rebuilding Christchurch and to delivering better public services.

"Covering 40,000 square metres spread over five floors, it's the largest multi-agency government project in our country's history," says Andrew Bridgman.

How much concrete?

Bus Interchange:

- 1,460m³ of concrete
- about 250 truck-loads to pour the 90-centimetre-deep slab on the 90- by 16-metre site
- the equivalent of filling more than 13,000 average-sized bathtubs.



Justice and Emergency Services Precinct:

- 9,600m³ of concrete
- 10 separate concrete pours with about 200 truck-loads of concrete per pour. ♻





Dr Karleen Edwards
Christchurch City Council Chief Executive

I am now four months into my role as Chief Executive of Christchurch City Council having returned from working in the health sector in Australia. For me this role is a tremendous opportunity to make a difference in my home city. I was born and raised in Christchurch and every day I reflect on how good it is to be home.

Having witnessed what my family, friends and others in the city have experienced since the earthquakes, I totally understand the physical and emotional toll the earthquakes have had on this city. It is a privilege to have a role in which the organisation I work for will play such a pivotal role in Christchurch's rebuild and recovery. I continue to be impressed by the very big part that local government plays in determining the quality of life for our residents.

My role is to ensure that the Council organisation is 'fit-for-purpose' and provides leadership in the rebuild and recovery of the city.

Our world has changed since the earthquakes and the Council needs to change with it. We need to work more closely with our community on a way forward for the city.

In this issue of the Greater Christchurch Recovery Update, you will see examples of this collaboration. There is information on the In the Know Land Hub, an initiative in which we are key partners with EQC and supporting agency CanCERN. It follows on from a series of drop-in sessions that the Council hosted in St Albans last month. More than 100 people came to the six drop-in sessions to find out more about a wide range of issues.

You will also find information in this issue on consultation on the proposed sports hub at Ngā Puna Wai in southwest Christchurch. Over the next few months, we want to hear your views on the proposal to combine facilities for a number of sporting disciplines including an athletics track, hockey turfs, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and sports fields at this site.

Last month, the Council released a document outlining the financial issues it faces in the wake of the earthquakes. In order for the Council to make the right decisions for Christchurch over the next 10 years and beyond, we are seeking residents' input into the Long Term Plan.

In this initial phase of the campaign *Our City. Our Future* we are encouraging residents to register online (yourvoice.ccc.govt.nz) to tell us how they want to get involved.

These are challenging times but we are making progress. ☺

City rents levelling out

Christchurch's high rental rates are predicted to ease in the coming months – a welcome relief for many of the city's residents.

A significant increase in rentals, as well as house prices, has been well documented since the earthquakes. Statistics show the mean residential weekly rent in Christchurch rose from \$311 in January 2011 to \$410 in January this year – an increase of 32 per cent compared with just 13 per cent across the country.

However, rental rates are showing signs of easing now the recovery and rebuild are well underway. After peaking at \$429 in April 2014, the mean residential weekly rent fell to \$420 by August 2014.

Tom Hooper, Chief Executive of the Canterbury Development Corporation, says the drivers behind the heightened prices are easing back as the rebuild progresses.

"There were several reasons why rental house prices grew so quickly – the immediate loss of housing stock in the city, people needing temporary accommodation while their houses are being repaired, and the high numbers of migrants and returning New Zealanders coming back to help with the rebuild.

"We expect that as these pressures ease, the price of rentals in particular will level and then likely fall back towards normal market levels as the one-off impacts lessen," says Tom Hooper.

The Earthquake Commission says 87 per cent of all home repairs had been carried out as of 22 September 2014 – which will take pressure off short-term rentals.

"We expect that as these pressures ease, the price of rentals in particular will level and then likely fall back towards normal market levels as the one-off impacts lessen," says Tom Hooper.

Insurance companies have signalled that almost all major repairs and rebuilds will be settled by the end of 2016, which, once the repair programmes are complete, will reduce the number of households needing temporary accommodation.

Earnings in the city have now also started to rise, although at a slower pace than the growth seen in rental or housing prices. During the period in which the average rental price increased, weekly earnings in the region grew by only 13 per cent – making life harder for some families.

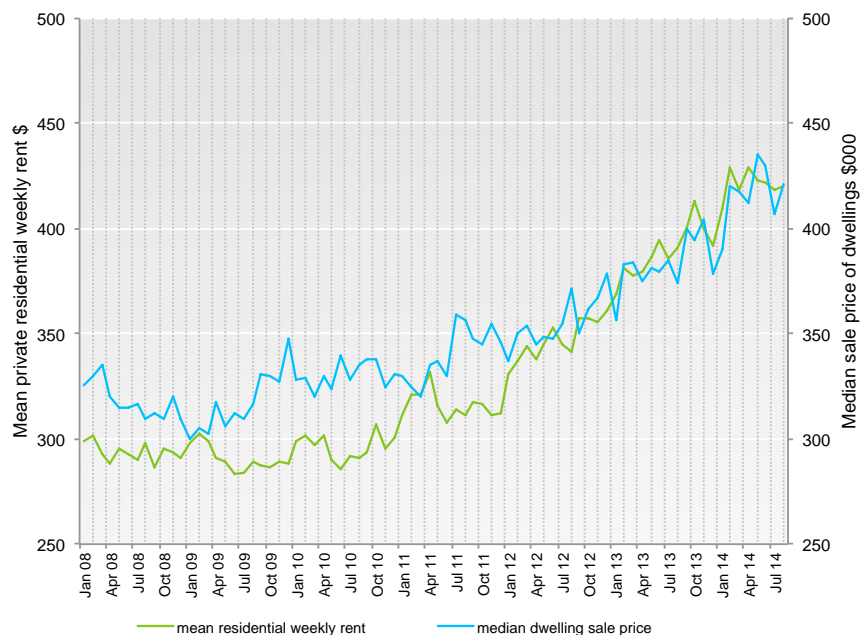
Tom Hooper says much of the final outcome in relation to the rental market and house prices will depend on how quickly lost housing stock is replaced, what size houses get built and where.

"However, it's likely that in the long run rentals will return to near the historical rate of return and house prices will move back in line with national trends." ☺



Christchurch mean residential weekly rent and median sale price

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, REINZ





Artist's impression: Meadowlands subdivision in Halswell will be an example of what's possible in sustainable housing.

More quality homes for Cantabrians

The rebuild offers a golden opportunity to improve housing quality – leading to better health and lower ongoing costs for greater Christchurch households.

And according to the New Zealand Green Building Council (NZGBC), there are positive examples of improved housing sustainability across greater Christchurch.

"We're seeing really good examples of best practice. The increased provision of warm, healthy and comfortable homes is a move in the right direction to ensure Cantabrians get quality housing," says Homestar Director Leigh Featherstone of the NZGBC.

Homestar is the national rating tool that ensures homes are warm, healthy and comfortable. With ratings from 1 to 10, it is one way developers and builders can make sure houses are more efficient and sustainable. The Building Code

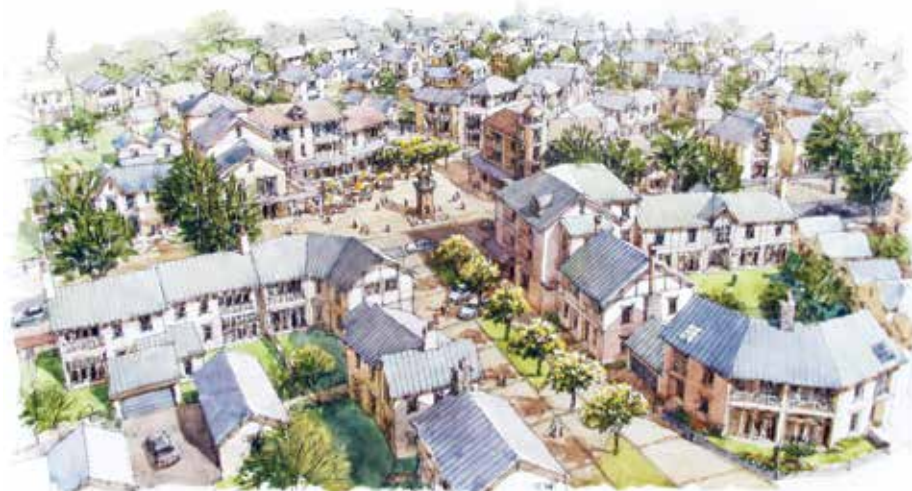
typically results in a rating of 4 Homestar but Featherstone says 6 Homestar is a "sweet spot ... it costs little to implement, encourages smart design, and delivers high-quality homes".

The innovative Meadowlands subdivision in Halswell is targeting a 6 Homestar rating as an exemplar of what can be achieved. Located 4.5 kilometres from the central city, Meadowlands will have around 320 new homes, catering for a cross-section of the market. It will also include affordable homes, with 39 priced from \$200,000 to \$370,000.

One of Canterbury's largest group home builders, Mike Greer Homes, has committed to a minimum of 6 Homestar for all houses built. Its latest show home in Berwick Street, St Albans is built on a suspended floor and is aiming for an 8 Homestar rating. Its sustainable design features include above-code insulation, greywater recycling, LEDs for lighting, and thermally broken double-glazed windows.

Leigh Featherstone acknowledges there is a perception it costs more to build sustainable homes. However, he says if sustainability is considered from the beginning of a project, a 6 Homestar house can cost no more than a conventional build, and will deliver returns in lower energy bills from day one.

To find out more about the New Zealand Green Building Council, go to: www.nzgbc.org.nz



Roger Sutton
CERA Chief Executive

Tangible signs of progress in the central city

At this time of year public sector agencies are held to account for the public money they have spent over the last year. CERA is no different and our Annual Report will soon be delivered to Parliament. The report will document progress over the last year, but I am pleased to draw your attention to some tangible signs of progress across central Christchurch.

As reported elsewhere in this Update there have been significant pours of concrete for both the Justice and Emergency Services Precinct and the new Bus Interchange over the last couple weeks. I have been watching the preparation groundworks and steel work going into the foundations for these new civic buildings. The concrete trucks start arriving in the middle of the night for these large pours. Dealing with the number of trucks delivering the concrete has been a major exercise in logistics and planning. We will soon start to see these buildings rising from the foundations.

Other new developments are further ahead with steel structures and glass façades being affixed. Some are already occupied, and others will be completed over the next year. There are also fantastic restoration projects taking place like the Arts Centre where the Gymnasium restoration was most recently completed. This is an exciting example of how people are bringing back beautiful buildings from the past.

I continue to get inspiration as I look out my office window. I look down on a stretch of Te Papa Otākaro/ Avon River Precinct, that has been recently been revitalised by removing built-up sediment and other measures to improve the river's health and re-establish great habitats for native species. The good news this month has been that some of the threatened native species – longfin eels, inanga whitebait and bluegill bullies – are already flourishing. Although this progress is less visible, it is part of fulfilling the vision for a healthy and green environment.

But for me the most tangible sign of progress in the central city is the return of people to the new buildings and hospitality venues. New buildings such as the Strange's Building and many on Victoria Street are bringing much-needed life back into the centre. The permanent return of hospitality venues is the natural succession to the exciting temporary spaces provided by gap-fillers over the last few years.

Now that Spring is here, I encourage you to come in to the central city and wander around to see the progress. There will be many more tangible signs of progress over the coming year. 🌱

Roger Sutton

Understand how the flat land in Christchurch has changed

In the Know Land Hub is a new public education space where residents can get information to better understand the changes to the flat land in their neighbourhood and across Christchurch.

There is a lot of work going on to identify what has happened to the land under Christchurch. The Earthquake Commission (EQC) and Christchurch City Council, supported by Canterbury Communities' Earthquake Recovery Network (CanCERN), Environment Canterbury, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, have joined together to share with the community what they know, what they don't know yet and what they are doing to find answers to property owners' questions.

In The Know Land Hub aims to join the dots for people affected by potential land damage – to help them understand the role each agency plays and how they are working together to solve land issues.

Visitors will be able to talk with geotechnical engineers about increased liquefaction and flooding vulnerability as well as with representatives from EQC and Christchurch City Council. They will also be able to view the Ministry of

Business, Innovation and Employment's building guidelines and information from Environment Canterbury about how potentially contaminated land affects repairs when soil has to be disturbed.

Although visitors won't be able to get answers about their individual property, they will be referred to services that can help or to a seminar series about the land issues affecting our city.

In the Know Land Hub aims to join the dots about:

- the processes of identifying Increased Liquefaction Vulnerability
- EQC ground improvement trials and pilots
- Increased Flooding Vulnerability
- Christchurch City Council flood management and local flood protection measures
- Christchurch City Council District Plan review and consenting
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment building guidelines on damaged land
- Environment Canterbury Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) information. ♻️



Land Hub

Visit In the Know Land Hub

140 Springfield Road (Beulah Church),
Edgeware, Christchurch

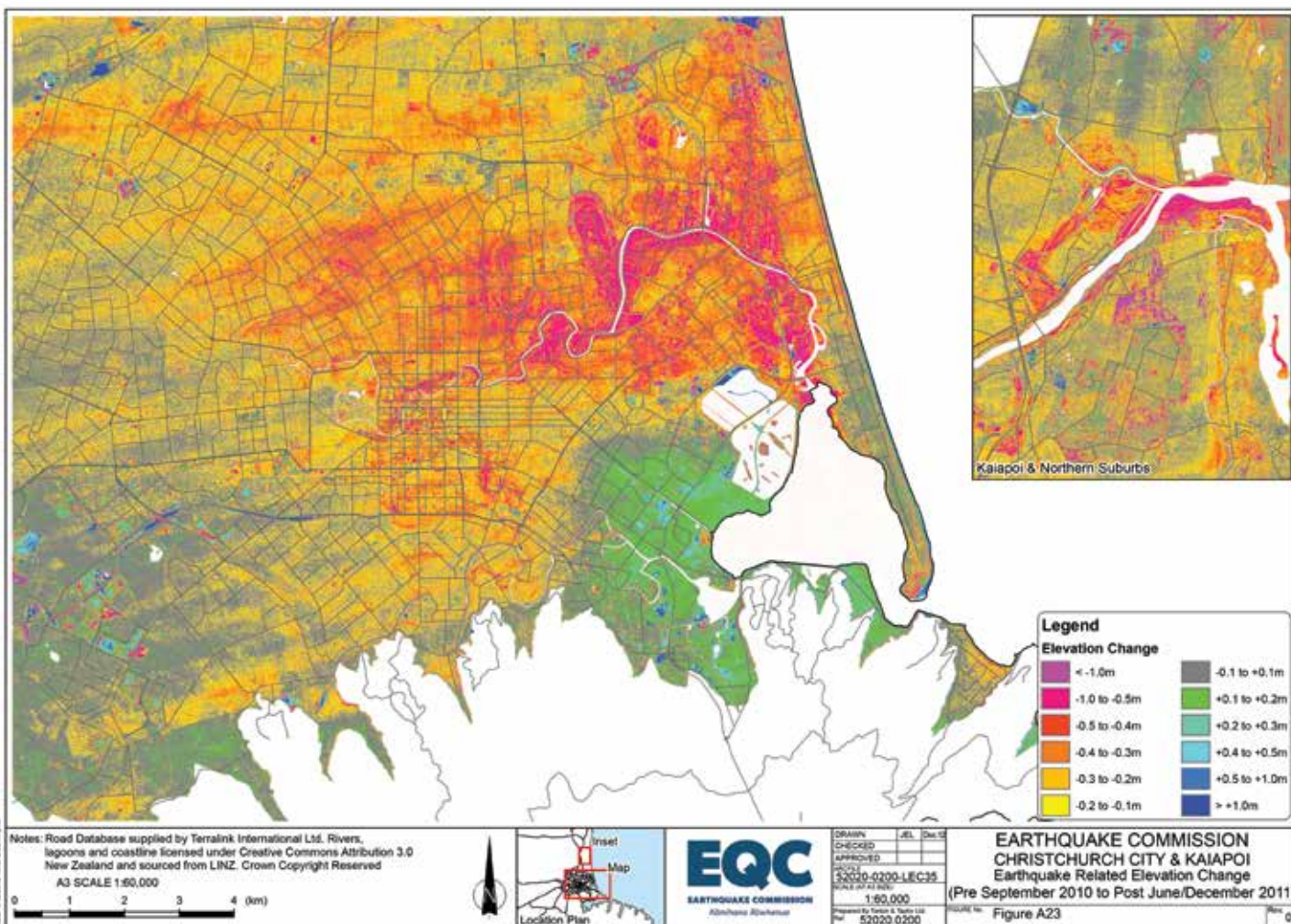
Make sure you visit this week as the hub is open until **Thursday 16 October 2014**.

Monday–Friday, 9am–12pm

Monday–Wednesday, 4pm–7pm

www.intheknow.org.nz

The map below demonstrates changes in land elevation following the earthquakes.





Artist's impression: The proposed Ngā Puna Wai sports hub.

Have your say on Ngā Puna Wai sports hub

Residents and sporting groups from around the city are being asked to have a say on the proposal to develop a sports hub at Ngā Puna Wai.

Ngā Puna Wai comprises 83 hectares of recreational and esplanade reserve, and other park land beside Canterbury Agricultural Park in southwest Christchurch.

The proposal for the sports hub combines facilities for a number of sporting disciplines, including an athletics track, hockey turfs, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and

sports fields. The preferred location for the development is a 32-hectare area of Ngā Puna Wai, a reserve currently used mainly for livestock grazing and public recreation.

The sports hub concept allows sporting codes to share facilities – car parks, changing rooms, administration, storage and support spaces – and encourages more efficient use of available green space. The hub will assist displaced sports groups from across the city who might otherwise struggle to re-establish themselves post-quake. Ngā Puna Wai is the preferred location because of its size, the high quality of the land, its proximity to the central city, and the growing population in southwest Christchurch.

Last month, Councillors gave approval for Christchurch City Council to proceed with a special consultative procedure, which will gather opinions and suggestions about the proposed sports hub from the widest possible range of people – from local residents and businesses to sporting groups.

The consultation is currently underway. For more information about how you can take a look at the documents and make your own submission, visit:

www.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

The decision on whether to proceed with the design of the concept will be made in early 2015, with final approval later in the year. 🌱

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Ōtākaro/Avon River thriving

Less than four months since work finished on the first stage of river revitalisation on Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct, the signs are good that the river's ecosystem is recovering and some threatened native species are flourishing.

Revitalisation work on the 3.2-kilometre-long river precinct began at the Antigua Boat Sheds as part of the Watermark Project and is now up to Colombo Street. Part of the job is to remove built-up sediment to improve the river's health and change the water-flow speed.

Work to re-establish habitats for species that live in the river has also been carried out. This has involved creating overhangs and placing rocks to make a more inviting environment for fish, eels and other species.

EOS Ecology aquatic scientist Shelley McMurtrie says while only initial investigations have been done so far, it is encouraging to find a diversity of fish in the river, including shortfin eel, inanga whitebait, upland bully, common bully, bluegill bully, and brown trout.

"We were particularly heartened to find juvenile longfin eels who prefer faster water and coarse surfaces, which was a habitat in rare supply in the Ōtākaro/Avon River prior to these works. Their presence indicates that we have done well in getting the environment right for them. As time goes on, we hope that more and more wildlife will return to the river."

To find out more, go to: www.futurechristchurch.co.nz 🌱

UPDATE FROM WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Over 2,000 ideas for Waimakariri red zones

Walkways, bike tracks, sculpture trails, campgrounds and community gardens are just some of more than 2,250 ideas suggested for the residential red zones in the Waimakariri district as part of the 'Canvas: your thinking for the red zones' public engagement.

The campaign, which ran from 30 July to 12 September 2014, was an opportunity for people to share their vision for this land. The red zones in the Waimakariri district have a rich history. They also have a lot of potential and this was recognised in the quality and quantity of ideas suggested.

The submissions are currently being compiled and analysed to help guide thinking on how the land could be used in the future. The first decisions on future use of the Crown-owned red zone land are expected in 2015. The final decisions on what will happen to the land rests with the Government, in consultation with its strategic partners – Waimakariri District Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu,

Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council.

There will be an opportunity to provide ideas about the future use of Crown-owned land in the red zones in Christchurch at a later date.

Here are some ideas that have been suggested:

"I'd love to see a big, green space specifically for families to gather for picnics/BBQs/playground. An interesting space like McLeans Island/Bottle Lake Forest where people can walk and bike – and if you plant the trees now they'll start maturing soon enough. This is a place I would spend a lot of time."

"I feel that the Raven, Hilton street area, needs to add interest to the main street and be a place that will added value to business and Kaiapoi." 🌱



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Work starting in Addington this month

SCIRT's Fulton Hogan crew has started on a major piping and roading project this month in the Addington/Middleton area.

Earthquake-damaged wastewater and storm water pipes will be dug up and repaired or relined and damaged parts of the road repaired. The work is expected to run for a year.

Some pipes will need to be completely replaced, involving deep trenches. In other areas, relining of existing pipes will avoid the need for trenches and minimise disruption.

Key priorities are managing traffic, minimising disruption and delays to businesses and residents, and ensuring events like New Zealand Cup and Show Week are not unduly affected by the work.

Whenever possible, work in busy intersections will happen at nights and weekends. SCIRT will also work with Horncastle Arena, Addington Raceway and KiwiRail to make sure work is coordinated with major events.

Where does the work start?

Crews have started on Whiteleigh Avenue, aiming to get the work that will most affect Addington Raceway finished by Cup and Show Week in November. The first part of the

work should take around two weeks, including night and weekend work in the Lincoln Road intersection.

Get regular updates, be prepared

Electronic signs will advertise delays and work in busy spots in advance. Businesses, residents and commuters can also sign up for regular updates on this work – email rebuildinfo@fultonhogan.com putting 'Addington' in the subject line.

More information

Read the work notice at:
www.strongerchristchurch.govt.nz



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SCIRT's Fulton Hogan team is working on a major piping and roading project in the Addington/Middleton area between Blenheim Road, Matipo Street, Wriggles Road, Lincoln Road, Moorhouse Avenue and Deans Avenue.

Are you Asbestos Aware?

With asbestos identified as a major issue for home owners undertaking repairs and renovations in Canterbury, a new website, *Asbestos Aware*, will be launched in mid October to help people understand the risks associated with asbestos and how these are best managed.

Asbestos Aware was developed by the Combined Health and Environment Risks Programme Control Group (CHER) which is made up of government and local body agencies working on the rebuild.

Home owners should remember that if asbestos is left intact and undisturbed it is not a significant health risk but if home owners are commencing work and they think asbestos is involved then they must take precautions to manage the risk.

Houses built, altered or refurbished between 1940 and the 1990s may contain asbestos. The only way to know for sure if it is present is to have it tested. It is estimated that over 70,000 dwellings in Christchurch have asbestos containing materials present. *Asbestos Aware* encourages home owners to contract appropriately qualified people to test for and manage the removal of asbestos and provides a one-stop-shop for asbestos information – how to identify it, test for it, have it removed, and dispose of it safely.

Home owners who are about to embark on repairs and renovations should check out the website at: www.asbestosaware.co.nz The site will go live on 17 October 2014.



An example of asbestos board being found under house cladding.

Collaborative approach to streamlining repairs of retaining walls

An online database – or Geographical Information System (GIS) – has been set up to help address some of the issues with shared retaining walls that were damaged during the Canterbury earthquakes.

The online portal to the database, which went live last month, is mainly for insurers and their project management offices to use. An insurance company can log on to the database to get information, such as: which company their customer's next-door neighbour was insured with

(at the time of the Earthquake Commission (EQC) claim); residential red zone properties; mass movement (landslide) areas in the Port Hills; the surveyed walls owned by Christchurch City Council (the Council) and whether they are in the work programme of the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT).

With this information, insurers can work together to come up with a joint repair/rebuild plan for earthquake-damaged retaining walls.

The Council and SCIRT staff have some access to the programme but only insurers can access insurer information. The database is not publicly available.

The initiative came out of a retaining wall workshop held in June 2014 with representatives from EQC, the Insurance Council of New Zealand, Canterbury Communities'

Earthquake Recovery Network (CanCERN), Residential Advisory Service, the Council, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, IAG, AA Insurance, Southern Response, Tower, MAS and Vero.

CERA General Manager Residential Rebuild and Housing David Griffiths says before the introduction of the database, where a damaged retaining wall involved two or more properties and insurers, the repair process was complicated.

"Now that an insurance company can immediately see who it needs to work with, it can get together with other insurers to make a plan. Industry and insurers are excited about this initiative and I think we can expect to see the whole process sped up from now on," says David Griffiths.

Major work beginning at Christchurch Hospital

On 29 September, work began to prepare the ground for the new Acute Services building at Christchurch Hospital. The Acute Services project is a large piece in the Christchurch rebuild jigsaw – together with new developments at Burwood Hospital it represents a \$650 million investment in the future of healthcare in Canterbury.

Schick Construction & Cartage has been appointed as the site works contractor. The first part of their work will be a carefully staged reorganisation of the traffic flows at the front of the hospital, which is expected to take until the end of October 2014. This will include creating additional mobility parking for patients.

The current public car park at the rear of the site will still be available to patients and visitors until the end of this month. After that, access to the rear of the site will be for hospital deliveries, emergency vehicles and construction traffic only.

The CDHB is working closely with the contractors to ensure minimal disruption to patients, visitors and staff. Plans include a park and ride shuttle for patients and visitors,



Artist's impression: Christchurch Hospital's new Acute Services building as viewed from Riccarton Avenue.

which will start on Tuesday 28 October, with parking at the corner of Antigua and St Asaph streets on the site for the proposed Metro Sports Facility.

There will also be a new drop-off zone at the front of the hospital, rejuvenation of the main reception area, more staff and volunteers available to help people, extra security to keep traffic flows moving, and clear new signs telling people where – and where not – to go.

For more information, visit: cdhb.health.nz/parking

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Significant repair milestone approaching



Pipi Schooner from City Care busy making repairs to a Housing New Zealand property in Buchanans Road.

Housing New Zealand is closing in on a significant milestone in its comprehensive repair programme across greater Christchurch.

By the end of this month (October 2014), it should pass the halfway mark in its plans to repair up to 5,000 earthquake-damaged properties – that's 2,500 houses fixed and upgraded.

Most of these homes have existing tenants living in them but some are being returned to stock after extensive repairs have been completed so more families can have homes to live in.

At the start of last year, Housing New Zealand was given two key targets to have completed by the end of 2015, after 95 per cent of its greater Christchurch stock was damaged in the earthquakes.

One was to build 700 new homes and the other was to have its earthquake-damaged housing stock of up to 5,000 homes repaired.

Progress towards both targets is well on track which Housing New Zealand's Canterbury Earthquake Recovery General Manager Paul Commons says is testament to the dedication, drive and passion of all those involved in the process.

Passing the mark of 2,500 homes repaired will be a major achievement with more than a year to go in the programme, Mr Commons says.

More than 200 houses are being fixed every month as contractors and Housing New Zealand get closer and closer to reaching the target.

When repairing a damaged house, great effort is made to also include some other timely work that could be carried out at the same time. This allows for efficient use of contractors as Housing New Zealand saves time and expense by doing a wide range of repairs all at the same time.

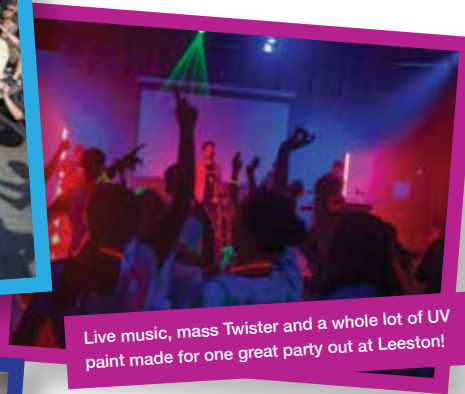
In many cases, tenants can stay in their house while contractors undertake their work which means less inconvenience for the tenant. ☺

Housing New Zealand
Housing New Zealand Corporation

Winter Chill: young people beating the winter blues



The first official Bowl Jam at Washington Skate Park was full of great tricks.



Live music, mass Twister and a whole lot of UV paint made for one great party out at Leeston!



The New Brighton community had a fantastic couple of days out brightening up Brighton.

Winter Chill is a series of events for people aged 12-24. Check out www.facebook.com/winterchillchch to see what else is coming up!



WINTER CHILL

Winter Chill is a series of events put on by young people for young people. So far music gigs, art exhibitions, talent and fashion shows are just some of the cool things young people have been able to do this winter.

The Winter Chill events are made possible with funding from the Ministry of Youth Development's new Canterbury Youth Initiatives Fund and a significant complementary contribution from Fletcher Building.




UPDATE FROM SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Web page helps new residents use Council services

A web page has been developed by Selwyn District Council to help new residents find and use Council services.

Selwyn is the fastest-growing district in New Zealand, and more than 1,500 people move to the district each year.

Moving house or building a home can be a very stressful experience and the new webpage has been developed to make it easy for people to access Council services.

The new web page can help residents or people planning to move to Selwyn find out how to apply for a building or resource consent, set up rubbish and recycling collection, join a library or a newcomers' group and register their dog. It also provides information about where local playgrounds, community centres and pools are, and links to Selwyn business, health and social service and sport and recreation directories.

To access the new web page, visit: www.selwyn.govt.nz/newtoselwyn



Phone: (03) 347 2800
Web: www.selwyn.govt.nz

Local community leaders training for the future

There's been a strong response to an initiative that aims to strengthen and develop the leadership skills of local people who stepped up after the Canterbury earthquakes and who will continue to work for the recovery into the future.

The LiNC (Leadership in Communities) Project recognises that immediately after the quakes, various individuals from the community, NGOs, central and local government agencies and private organisations initiated roles of leadership, organisation and collaboration within their communities. Its aim now is to support and enhance the skills and abilities of those leaders as the recovery continues as well as encourage projects and developments within communities and build capacity for 'locally grown' solutions.

How does LiNC work?

The LiNC Project offers a 10 month leadership training programme for grass-roots community leaders (paid and volunteer) from a range of geographic areas in greater Christchurch and different interest areas such as sport, culture or social enterprise. A small number of participants will be drawn from staff from local and central government agencies or businesses that work with communities. The first training sessions start in November 2014 and more than 80 people have registered to participate. Subject to an

evaluation of the programme and assessment of ongoing demand, it is intended that there will be at least one further training programme offered in the near future.

This collaborative project is supported by New Zealand Red Cross, CERA, Wayne Francis Charitable Trust, Tindall Foundation, Ministry of Social Development, Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council, Canterbury Community Trust, University of Canterbury, CPIT and Gap Filler.

The genesis of the project came from the greater Christchurch Psychosocial Strategy, Community in Mind, which acknowledges that the rebuild is not just about buildings and roads but also about people and their psychosocial recovery.

To find out more, go to: www.lincproject.org.nz

