

Media Release

Prestons donates soil to CBD rebuild

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Prestons residential development on the northern outskirts of the Christchurch has donated 2000m³ of soil to help with the greening of the central city.

David Schwartfeger, chairman of Prestons Road Ltd, said that it worked out as a win/win for both parties as Prestons would take 200m³ of recycled rubble from CERA to be used as base material for roads inside the 203-hectare residential development.

"We had soil that was surplus to our needs, and we knew that CERA needed soil in the CBD as part of its greening and cleaning up of the CBD.

"In total it amounts to about 120 truck loads of soil and the returning trucks will bring the recycled construction rubble for our infrastructure work," he said.

Baden Ewart, General Manager Operation for the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, welcomed the donation.

"This is a great partnership to help us bring a little greenery back to the CBD," said Mr Ewart. "The area will be seeded and hydro-capped to create a flower meadow."

"Flower meadows offer land owners a cost-effective and affordable green site treatment approach that looks good and helps reduce the dust hazard.

"CERA will cover all installation costs, and will mow the area once and continue to irrigate up to 31 March 2013. Future maintenance will then become the land-owner's responsibility," said Mr Ewart.