Future Christchurch Update

The voice of the Canterbury rebuild

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Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu staff are gearing up to welcome the public to a blockbusting summer programme to mark the the re-opening of the building.

A summer of celebration for gallery opening

Five years is a long time but Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu Director Jenny Harper is sure the wait will be worth it when the Gallery opens later this month.

The Gallery opens on 19 December, with a summer of art designed to reveal new works and reintroduce people to the city's collection. As well as a lively selection of exhibitions, there will be a pop-up shop in

the foyer and coffee and food carts on the forecourt (the shop, café and carpark will reopen shortly as work is completed).

For Jenny Harper, the importance of having the Gallery open can't be overstated. "A city needs places of cultural value," she says.

The Gallery opening is one of several rebuild milestones featured inside as we reflect on what has been achieved over the past year, and look forward to what is planned in 2016.

See page 11 for details on the Gallery opening.

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Karleen Edwards

Christchurch City Council Chief Executive Officer



It is fantastic to be able to open this much-loved community icon for our residents and visitors to enjoy once more. This achievement is symbolic of our progress and highlights the rebuild milestones we have accomplished, the majority of which have been years in the making from conception and planning through to completion.

Te Puna o Waiwhetu

In this issue, you will see the huge amount of work that has taken place throughout the city, from anchor projects such as the opening of the new Bus Interchange and development of the Justice and

Emergency Services Precinct, to our suburban facilities such as the development of the Aranui Community Centre and the opening of our new library and community facility, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre. We have also carried out significant foundation work on the Town Hall and begun the restoration and repair of some our key heritage landmarks.

Behind the scenes, these projects have been supported by a comprehensive community consultation and engagement programme. It is our aim to ensure residents are kept informed of the developments that are shaping our city and, more importantly, have their say about the services these facilities provide for our communities every day.

On top of our rebuild programme, we continue to provide residents with quality city services from rubbish and recycling to water and waste,

library services, sports and recreation facilities, and public events. We have successfully hosted two international sporting events this year - FIFA U20 World Cup and the ICC Cricket World Cup. Both events attracted thousands of people to the city and helped to place Christchurch on the global map, no longer as a city recovering from natural disaster, but as a destination and tourist attraction - a city triumphing over adversity; a city flourishing and full of opportunity.

While I have only mentioned a few achievements here, I hope you enjoy reading more about our successes and I look forward to sharing our progress with you next year.

I wish you and your loved ones all the very best for the festive season. ■

CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

John Ombler Acting CERA Chief Executive



As a community, there is a lot to be proud of when it comes to progress this year in the recovery of greater Christchurch.

The indicators tell us that the Canterbury region continues to perform well. Economic growth remains strong, unemployment is among the lowest in the country and the population is growing again from what it was pre-quake. CERA's Wellbeing Survey tells us that almost 80 per cent of people are enjoying a positive quality of life.

The residential rebuild is well progressed and the Crown-owned flat land residential red zone areas are now largely cleared in anticipation of future use planning.

In the central city, building by both the private and public sectors is on a roll.

In recent months we have seen the opening of the Bus Interchange and construction work start on the first element of the Earthquake Memorial; the reflective space along the north bank of the Ōtākaro/Avon River. Work on The Terraces in Te Papa Ōtākaro/ Avon River Precinct is progressing well.

Excitement is building with the opening of the Margaret Mahy Family Playground – one of the largest outdoor playgrounds in the world – expected in time for the Christmas holidays

There are updates on other key projects in this publication and you can see how far we have come since the earthquakes on pages 8 and 9.

Another significant milestone is the approval of the Lyttelton Port Recovery Plan last month. For more information, visit: www.cera.govt.nz/lprp

The pace of transition is really picking up, with some of CERA's functions recently transferred to other government agencies. You can read more about this on the page opposite. Former CERA Deputy Chief Executive Community Recovery Michelle Mitchell will head the Greater Christchurch Group, which has been set up within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to monitor the recovery and provide policy advice on the regeneration, including on the future uses of the Christchurch residential red zones. Michelle Mitchell has been with CERA almost since its inception and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Lastly, I hope you all have a safe and happy time with friends and family over the holidays ahead of another year of recovery and regeneration.

Rebuild progress at a glance...

through the entire SCIRT work programme



Total consents

issued in greater Christchurch =46,623



PUR320 1512

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

Handover of CERA functions underway

The transition of some of the functions of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) to other agencies has taken place as of 1 December.

The Transition Recovery Plan, released in late October, details the arrangements to be put in place when CERA ends in April next year. As part of the wind down, the first of a number of CERA functions have been transferred to inheriting agencies. A further transfer of functions to other inheriting agencies will happen in March 2016.

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) will inherit the remaining responsibilities for demolitions and land clearances (mainly in the Port Hills) and interim land management in the residential red zones.

Deputy Chief Executive Crown Property Brian Usherwood says the priority for LINZ is to make sure property owners and residents in these areas face as little disruption as possible while responsibilities transfer to LINZ.

"Red zone residents have been through a lot since the earthquakes struck, so we're working hard to make sure these transitions go smoothly."

"It makes perfect sense for us to take these functions over from CERA since we have a lot of experience and expertise in managing Crown property. It's a big responsibility but we're a safe pair of hands."

LINZ will also benefit from the skills and experience of a number of CERA people involved in residential red zone land management, demolitions and support functions, particularly in the Port Hills, where work is specialised and complex.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) will be responsible for supporting the residential rebuild and monitoring the public sector rebuild.

A priority will be finding new solutions for home owners with unresolved insurance issues, says Larry Bellamy, Manager Engineering Design and Science. Mr Bellamy will lead a new Christchurch-based team dedicated to housing recovery. This will include operational delivery of the Residential Advisory Service (www.advisory.org.nz).

"Rebuilding Canterbury remains a government priority and MBIE is committed to helping the region get back on its feet and supporting people to get on with their lives."

MBIE's framework for delivering housing recovery recognises the importance of the physical rebuild and repair for the recovery of greater Christchurch and the contributing role it plays in supporting psychosocial recovery of the community.

had been doing in the psychosocial recovery space transferred to the Ministry of Health and Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB). The Ministry of Health and CDHB have been actively involved in our region's psychosocial recovery, but

On 1 December the work CERA



the transition means CDHB will from the pick up some additional leadership To find

responsibilities, in partnership with

the local authorities and with support

from the Ministry of Health.

To find out more about the changes that came into effect on 1 December, go to: www.cera.govt.nz

Meet the rebuild workers



Daniel O'Shea Lead Foreman for Irvine Builders

Where are you from?

County Kerry, south-west Ireland. I came to New Zealand in October 2013.

What made you want to be part of the rebuild?

I was planning to go to Australia but there was a big call-out for Irish builders so I said, "Why not?" I had been to New Zealand before and thought it was a great country and a great lifestyle. Being part of the rebuild was an advantage in terms of career opportunities. It was the same for a lot of Irish guys because of the recession at home. It was a quicker process for guys here – whether they be site managers, civil engineers, quantity surveyors or whatever – to move up the ladder.

What excites you about the future of greater Christchurch and working in the rebuild?

I think in the last 6 or 12 months it has really ramped up in the inner city. Looking forward,

which I think might be an issue for some people, the new projects, the architecture and the way the city is going to be laid out in the future with all the different precincts – I think it's going to be very exciting, especially for the youth. It probably will be a young people's city in future years.

In terms of what we do in fixing up people's homes, we are definitely making people happy. They've had all kinds of trouble with insurances and so on but seeing the reaction of people when they go into a new home after it's been refurbished and their troubles are gone – we're making an improvement in their lives.

What challenges you about the rebuild?

There's an awful lot of red tape. That can be improved. I also think some people got greedy in the earthquakes and took what they could get. Unfortunately other people who weren't able to speak up couldn't really reap the rewards of it, so to speak.



Iconic spaces like New York's High Line (pictured here) have inspired planning for the South Frame public realm.

A green 'lane' on the way for central Christchurch

The South Frame network of public spaces are a step closer, with final designs recently released and consenting processes underway. Work is planned to start in early 2016 in the area around the Innovation Precinct.

The South Frame plays a crucial part in creating a greener, better-connected, walkable and vibrant city centre. The vision is of an urban neighbourhood where health, education, innovation, boutique retail and city living emerge and flourish.

The Greenway is a landscaped laneway that will link the Innovation Precinct in the east with the Health Precinct and Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct in the west. Along with adjoining gathering spaces and laneways, it makes up a high-quality, distinctive and welcoming public realm that will help regenerate this

part of the city by drawing in foot traffic, events and activity.

The South Frame public spaces have been designed by an experienced consortium, City*Sense South.

Through Matapopore, Ngãi Tahu was significantly involved in deciding on the urban design principles. Its contribution is reflected in elements like the 'Story of Stone', where different types of stone and pounamu are used.

To view the designs and learn more about this exciting new public space, visit: ccdu.govt.nz/projects-and-precincts/the-south-frame

Halfway point for massive central city project

Construction of the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct is now 15 months through a 30-month build programme.

The Precinct brings together all justice and emergency services in one purpose-built, leading-edge precinct in central Christchurch, and construction is on track for agencies to move in by mid 2017.

Construction update

The major steel work has now been installed – most recently the 18-metre steel columns in mid October.

In the Tuam Street tower
 of the Justice Building, the
 Precinct's first roof and the
 first of many windows have
 been installed. More containers
 of windows are arriving each
 fortnight for fitting. This will be

the first section of the Precinct to be enclosed.

- The roof of the Justice Building's Durham Street tower is almost completed.
- The floors of the Justice Building's Lichfield Street tower are being laid.
- In the courtyard between the Justice Building and the Emergency Services Building, the steelwork is in place and the concrete floor is being poured.
- The foundations for the operational vehicle car park are progressing well: 900 wooden piles are already in place and the majority of the concrete foundations poured.



Hospitals' redevelopment progress ramping up

Construction continues at pace at both Burwood and Christchurch hospitals.

Great progress has been made at the new Burwood Hospital, with just months to go until it is handed over to Canterbury District Health Board. Meanwhile, across town at Christchurch Hospital in the Health Precinct, the Acute Services building is ramping up for its next stage – the awarding of the main construction contract. Over the past year, work has involved site

preparation, which includes clearing the ground and laying the foundation slab.

In total, Fletcher Construction poured about 16,000 cubic metres of concrete in a series of nine pours over 19 weeks. Three of these pours topped the record books for New Zealand's largest pours done in a single shift by a single contractor. The largest pour took well

over 12 hours and 2,200 cubic metres
– or 360 truckloads – of concrete. The
team from Fletcher Reinforcing tied up
more than 2,300 tonnes of reinforcing
steel for the foundations; laid end to end,
that amount of steel would stretch from
Christchurch to Melbourne.

With a building footprint of 10,450 square metres, the new Acute

Services building will be the South Island's largest hospital building. It is being built to Importance Level 4 (IL4) standards, or 180 per cent of New Building Code – the highest level for a building designated as an essential facility that needs to be up and running after a disaster. The building is also fitted with base isolators.



Hospital Park & Ride is moving Park & Ride shuttle now at Deans Ave

Parking \$5/day * free shuttle * 7 days a week * every 15 mins * 7:00am to 8:30pm

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

Margaret Mahy Family Playground – opening in time for Christmas

The Margaret Mahy Family Playground will boast some of the newest and coolest playground equipment imaginable and will be open in time for Christmas.

The design of the playground takes inspiration from Canterbury's four main habitats:

The Forest

Three tree-like towers of varying heights will be linked by a network of rope tunnels – plus a solid bridge so that people of all abilities can access it.

The Wetlands

In this play area, children can interact with water and a network of channels, dams, Archimedes spiral adventures and pumps.

The Plains

The lawn area and gathering space near The Peninsula is a comfortable place for caregivers to supervise children.

The Peninsula

The under 10s will love the sand play, discovery area, water well with Archimedes spiral, rocks, stepping posts and in-ground trampolines in The Peninsula. A slide, swings, rockers and a crawl tunnel are provided for little tots.



There will be a toilet and changing block with space for food and beverage vendors and a BBQ area in the future.

P.S We've kept some secrets back... you'll discover so much more to surprise and entertain you.



Ground broken on Earthquake Memorial

Construction is underway on the first element of the new Canterbury Earthquake Memorial.



Minister and Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee and Nicky Wagner join Ngãi Tahu Kaiwhakahaere Tā Mark Solomon, Prime Minister John Key and Mayor Lianne Dalziel for the turning of the first sod at the Earthquake Memorial.

Construction is underway on the new Canterbury Earthquake Memorial.

The first part of the Memorial to be completed will be a reflective space on the north bank of the Ōtākaro/ Avon River, between Montreal Street and Rhododendron Island. The next stage is the Memorial Wall to be built into the south bank.

The 150-metre-long marble wall will feature on the Oxford Terrace side of the river, with steps leading down to the water.

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee welcomed the start of construction at a recent ground-breaking ceremony.

"I think it [the Memorial] will be a fittingly simple and peaceful place for people to go and remember what we lost and what this city has been through."

Following a rigorous selection process, Fletcher Construction has been chosen to lead the construction on the north bank of the Memorial.

It is expected the reflective space on the north bank will be complete by 22 February next year, and the entire Memorial will be finished in time for an official dedication on 22 February 2017.

Council facilities

The repair and rebuild of Christchurch City Council facilities has continued apace across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. Below are some of the more notable achievements each month.

February

The rebuilt Norman Kirk Memorial Pool in Lyttelton re-opens.

Work begins to restore Mona Vale Homestead on Fendalton Road and Sign of the Takahe on Hackthorne Road.

April

The public get to see the designs of the New Central Library to be built in Cathedral Square.

June

Christchurch City Council agrees to fully restore the Town Hall. Hawkins is appointed to undertake the restoration.

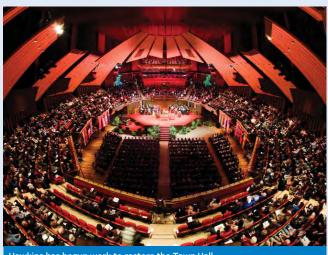
Construction begins on a new Aranui Community Centre in Hampshire Street.

Woolston Park Memorial to Fallen Soldiers re-opens for use by sports groups.

The first of a series of new. prefabricated toilets to be installed in parks across the city and Banks Peninsula is introduced to South New Brighton Park.

August

The Council asks residents what they would like to see in the new Riccarton Community Centre to be built on Clarence Street. Their ideas are currently with the architect who is undertaking the initial design of the building.



Hawkins has begun work to restore the Town Hall

Reducing flood risk

There are 12 major flood remediation projects planned this financial year - the Dudley Creek scheme in Shirley is under construction, two schemes for areas of Bexley and Woolston have been approved for detailed design, and more than 60 investigations are underway across the city.

Key work achieved

May 2012-May 2015

City-wide area-by-area investigations underway.

In-depth investigations for: Knights Drain - Bexley; Estuary Drain -Bexley; City Outfall Drain – Linwood; Brittans Drain - Linwood; Bells Creek Woolston; Dudley Creek – Shirley; Shirley Stream Culvert (part of the Dudley Creek); Cranford Basin Active Management; Matuku Waterway – Heathcote; Dudley Creek Tributaries (Shirley Stream, Upper Dudley Creek, St. Albans Creek); Stopbank Strengthening; Sumner Stream and Richmond Hill Waterway - Sumner.



June 2015

Work begins on the Dudley Creek Long Term Flood Remediation Project by upgrading the stormwater culvert under Shirley Road to build more capacity in the network.

August 2015

The Council approves the Stapletons Road route for Dudley Creek flood remediation to reduce the risk of flooding in the Flockton area.

October 2015

Dudley Creek detailed design and construction begin for the Stapletons Road option. Re-shaping of the creek channel and banks begins.

November 2015

The Council approves work to begin on detailed design for Bells Creek Woolston, and Knights Drain, Bexley, flood remediation schemes

Work to upgrade the Shirley Road Culvert moves from the south side of Shirley Road to the north side. The project is expected to be completed by early 2016.

For more information about the Council's Land Drainage Recovery Programme, visit: www.ccc.govt.nz/ floodmitigation

Transport

Getting around the city by bus, car, cycle or on foot is being made easier with the introduction of travel network changes.

An Accessible City achievements in 2015

- Traffic flows have been reduced at Hospital Corner, with upgraded pedestrian islands, improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The intersection of Hagley and Moorhouse avenues is now a three-way intersection, reducing delays to vehicles and increasing safety for pedestrians and cyclists. A shared path within Hagley Park has been upgraded.
- · Colombo Street has been upgraded with cycle lanes on both sides between St Asaph and Lichfield streets.
- · Lichfield Street has been changed to two-way from the Cambridge Terrace/ Durham Street intersection to Manchester Street.
- Tuam Street is now a one-way route for people travelling east with a new separated cycleway on the northern side to improve cycle safety.

Changes to St Asaph Street, Hospital Corner, Durham/ Cambridge and Manchester streets are scheduled to start in 2016.

Other transport changes

In February, work began on a bridge over Curletts Road connecting Wigram Road with Magdala Place. The flyover is expected to be finished in October

In August and September, riders began using the first sections of the city's new Major Cycle Routes, a separated cycleway along Matai Street East, and a shared path through Rutland Reserve.

Next year, new cycleways will be built through North Hagley Park and alongside Christchurch Boys' High School. It is expected that work will also begin next year on sections of Rapanui - Shag Rock Cycleway, Little River Link and the Papanui Parallel route.

The Riccarton Road bus lounge on the corner of Division Street will soon be opening its doors to bus passengers. The lounge features seating for about 50 people, one outdoor and two indoor screens with real-time information on bus arrivals and departures, three toilets. and standing room for about 200.

August continued

Christchurch City Council begins investigating options for the preservation of the treasured Canterbury Provincial Chambers Buildings.

A project team led by Warren and Mahoney is appointed to oversee the design process for the new Eastern Recreation and Sport Centre to be built on QEII Park.

The initial design is approved for a new Bishopdale Community Centre and Library in Bishopdale Mall.

Christchurch project management firm The Building Intelligence Group is awarded the contract and partners with Athfield Architects Limited to design the new Sumner Community Facility and Library in Wakefield Avenue.

September

The Council launches its Your Play, Your Say campaign, which gave residents the opportunity to share their ideas for the water toys and other leisure attractions they would like to see in the new Eastern Recreation and Sport Centre when it opens on QEII Park in 2018.

October

Repair and strengthening work is completed on Akaroa Museum.

Christchurch City Council begins investigating options for the preservation of the treasured Old Municipal Chambers building on Worcester Boulevard after \$10 million is set aside for restoration work.

Seven new social housing units open at the Council's HP Smith Courts and Berwick Courts housing complexes in Richmond and St Albans.

November

Part of the newly repaired Christchurch Botanic Gardens Tea Kiosk re-opens as a new café, Duck, Duck.

Significant foundation work begins on the Town Hall, marking the first major construction milestone. More than 1,000 jet grout concrete piles will be injected 8 metres into the ground.

The new library and community facility, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, opens. It includes a library, meeting rooms, community spaces and a customer service desk. There is also

a 5,000-square-metre outdoor area that includes a swimming pool.

Construction begins on eight new one- and two-bedroom social housing units in Mairehau.

Base isolation work is completed on Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu.

December

A newly repaired and strengthened Lyttelton Recreation Centre is expected to re-open to the public.

Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu is expected to open to the public on 19 December.



Transitional City

From time-saving top-ups to Friday Night Food Truck feasts, the Council's Transitional City is bringing fun things to eat, see and do to our changing city.

- Delicious! The Friday Night Food Trucks are back this summer in Cathedral Square until March 2016. With 15-20 trucks offering a huge variety of fantastic street food make this your next Friday night wind-down activity.
- Which way? Four colourful wayfinding towers help residents and visitors to find the things they want to see and do in the city centre. You can't miss them!
- Urban Oasis. Construction, rubble and dust are counteracted by an Urban Living Wall, landscaping and seating on the corner of Cashel & High streets. Thanks to DOC and local school children for their helo.
- Framed! Bringing your kids into central city? Come to New Regent Street, look through the giant kaleidoscope and view the ever evolving city around you in a unique way.
- Smile. Just to brighten your day, several streets in the central city and suburban centres have been given a make-over, with street painting, seating and landscaping.
- Baa Baa! Traffic Sheep continue to line several streets in the central city — a burst of colour and fun, helping to slow traffic and keep pedestrians safe. A place to sit and perhaps a photo opportunity!

- Stay connected. There is nothing more frustrating than a flat cell phone or iPad so find one of our four solar tables and power-up. These tables are located in Sumner, Riccarton West, Washington Way Skate Park and adjacent to Gloucester Street.
- Bus-stop top-up. If catching the bus from Linwood Village (corner Gloucester/Stammore) to the city, you can now wait in style under our new solar-powered shelter and also top-up your device while you wait.
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Other key stats

From 1July 2014 - 30 June 2015*

3.8 million visitors to recreation centres

2.2 million pool visits

For the year to 30 June 2015

44,000 people went to ICC Cricket World Cup games in Christchurch

47,000 people attended FIFA U20 World Cup matches

3,059,656 visits to physical libraries

3,738,633 library items issued

From 1 January to 31 October 2015

15 new social housing units built

73 social housing units repaired

*The information included on these pages does not include normal Council business activity like kerbside collections, water supply and treatment, the myriad of events planned and hosted, as well as consents and licensing, civil defence and parks and cemeteries, to name a few.

Ideas to Reality – Building a 21st century city

Ideas to Reality – Building a 21st century city celebrates how far the rebuild and regeneration of Christchurch have come, following our journey from the first earthquake in 2010 through to the milestones reached to date and still to come. It shows how the anchor projects, major private and public sector projects and community investment are bringing Christchurch to life again.



A year from now, the landscape of the central city will have transformed still further. Large projects in the Retail Precinct around Re:START Mall will be finished or close to it (see page 9), bringing more vibrancy to the

central city and helping to stimulate the economy. The retail developments will both complement and benefit from Crown-led projects too. The Terraces, for example, is part of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct, stretching along Oxford Terrace between Lichfield and Hereford streets. When it is completed late next year, this riverbank area will become a bustling promenade with grand steps and ramps leading down to the river's eastern edge. To see drone footage of the project's progress, go to: ccdu. govt.nz/the-terraces

Further along the riverbank to the north, the Margaret Mahy Family Playground will be open by this Christmas. It's another way of bringing fun and energy to the city. The size of a rugby field, it will be one of the biggest playgrounds in

Australasia and boast some of the newest and coolest playground equipment imaginable.

Then, in the new year, work will start on the South Frame public spaces. Its focus will be on developing lanes and courtyards in public spaces between the Innovation Precinct and Health Precinct. The project is anchored by a new 'Greenway' (green laneway), which is inspired by spaces such as New York's iconic High Line.

The timeline (starting below) maps out the progress and growth of Christchurch from both a social and a physical point of view.

In the 'Share an Idea' campaign in 2011, the people of Christchurch expressed their vision for their city – a Green City, a Vibrant City, an Accessible City and a Prosperous City. Ideas to Reality reflects how those aspirations are coming to life, all in one place.

You can pick up a free copy of this inspiring book from any Christchurch City Council service centre or library, or the Future Christchurch Visionarium. Or find it online at: ccdu.govt.nz/ideas-to-reality





The future's bright for the Retail Precinct

Christchurch's shopping heart will be unrecognisable a year from now. By then, four major developments currently in progress in the Retail Precinct will be open for business.

The **ANZ Centre** (previously home to the Triangle Centre) will provide three levels of retail, hospitality and commercial office space. Tenants include ANZ, Beca and a Hallenstein Glasson concept store. The retail tenancies in the ANZ Centre are set to open for Christmas trading 2016, while the whole complex is due for completion by the end of February 2017.

The Terrace, Stage One, includes office spaces on various floors, ground floor hospitality located around a number of laneways and a seamless connection through to Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct. It is expected to open by the middle of next year.

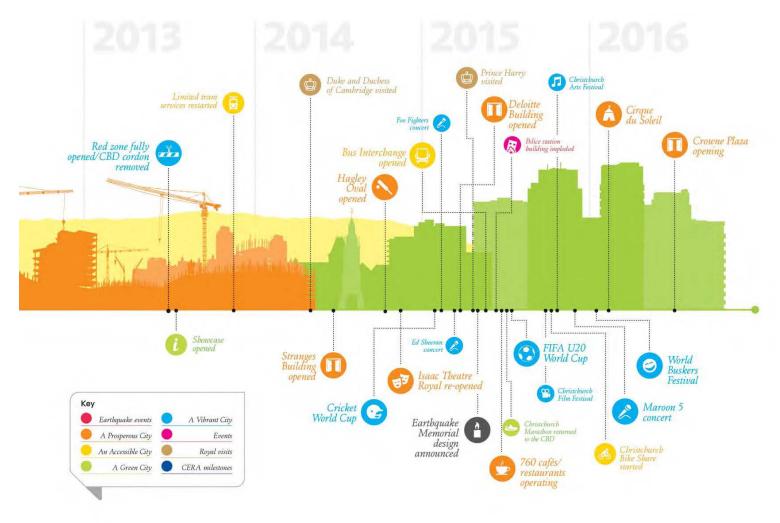
Stage One of the **BNZ Centre** is expected to open shortly, with Stage

Two scheduled for completion by December 2016. The BNZ Centre will offer over 22,000 square metres of office and retail space, fronting both Cashel and Hereford streets.

The Crossing precinct will offer high street and boutique retail stores, hospitality and office space, around a network of lanes and airbridges. A car parking building is also under construction. The Crossing is due to open in late 2016/early 2017. Two new tenants recently announced they would be open for business in the development by early 2017 – ASB will have a new central city branch and South Island Regional Centre, and international fashion retailer Topshop will offer a two-level store. ■



Artist's impression: Exterior view of the ANZ Centre which is set to offer retail trading by Christmas 2016.



Grassroots solution for Lyttelton Library

Lyttelton will get a temporary library for 10 months while its permanent building on London Street is under repair.

Using the Trinity Hall, next to the Lyttelton Recreation Centre, was the solution put forward by a combined community and Christchurch City Council working party.

Working party and Community Board member Andrew Turner says the community-led solution is an excellent outcome. "I want to thank Council staff, including library staff, and the community for working together to find a solution that works for all parties. This has been a great collaboration and a great result."

Some library services – such as the mobile van, pre-school and after

school programming, and Wi-Fi – were going to be provided anyway but working party Chairperson Penny Carnaby says the Lyttelton community was determined to find a temporary site for the library.

"Kids come after school (there is no current school library either), fishermen keep in touch with their families and users find it not so easy to access other town libraries. Babytimes, Storytimes and other after-school programmes are also well used by the community.

"The community had a need, the Council listened, the community



Local resident Hannah Sylvester at the Lyttelton Library.

stepped up to 'do the do', and a grassroots solution has been found."

The temporary library will house about 80 per cent of the current collection of books and will also provide space for other programmes to continue.

The working party has some exciting ideas about how to help get the

temporary library open, including the possibility of holding a family fun day to move the books. More information will be available about this soon.

Community representatives of the working party were Penny Carnaby, Krystal Coppell, Gary McCormick, Bridget O'Brien, Luke Parker, Jaimee Pham and Justyn Strother.

City urged to get behind epic bike race

As mountain bike events go, they don't get more epic than The Pioneer, which begins in Christchurch's Port Hills on Sunday 31 January 2016.

Riders will set off on the 546-kilometre journey, traversing the Southern Alps and finishing seven days later (6 February) in Queenstown. Along the way they will travel through spectacular South Island scenery and the townships of Geraldine, Fairlie, Lake Tekapo, Lake Ohau, Hawea and the Snow Farm ski area

Participants don't have to be endurance athletes or mountain bike experts to get a taste of The Pioneer. The seven-day race opens with the Christchurch MTB Day Ride, which is open to anyone to enter and includes races of varying distances so that as many people as possible can experience the event.

Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalzie is encouraging people to get involved

"Cantabrians are renowned for their passion for outdoor

activities; cycling is one of them. The Pioneer is a great opportunity for locals and out-of-town participants to see Christchurch as they ride through the central city before heading toward the Port Hills. I am positive that there will be hundreds of locals who will want to be part of this incredibly exciting event, whether they are taking part or soaking up the

The Christchurch MTB Day Ride will start and finish at the event hub in Hagley Park on Sunday 31 January. Riders will warm up with an urban cross-country course before attacking the Port Hills to complete either the 37- or 53-kilometre distance. There is also a 7-kilometre track for children.

Find out about The Pioneer event details and MTB Day ride entries at: www.thepioneer.co.nz ■

Home repair and rebuild information service changing

The In the Know Hub at Eastgate Mall closes its doors just before Christmas, after a successful nine months as a face-to-face place for people to come and seek information and advice on progressing their home repair or rebuild process.

The Hub has had more than 4,800 enquiries so far, with many requiring follow-up and ongoing meetings to help resolve difficulties or put people in touch with experts who can help further. The scope of works for repairs, the quality and methodology of repair strategies, rebuild issues, cash settlements and queries about land damage and flooding vulnerability have been some of the most frequent concerns its visitors have raised.

More than 20 seminars have run at the Hub, on topics ranging from cash settlements to clarifying legal rights around substandard repairs and understanding the definitions around Increased Liquefaction Vulnerability. Videos of all the seminars can be viewed at: intheknow.org.nz

The Hub has been community led, with the aim of providing a place where people can get face-to-face support, information and connections to help them deal with rebuild or repair issues or decisions. To this end, it has hosted representatives from Canterbury Communities' Earthquake Recovery Network (CanCERN), Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service, Christchurch City Council, Earthquake Support Coordination Service,

Earthquake Commission, Residential Advisory Service and CERA.

Although the shop-front approach to assisting people with their home repair or rebuild process is finishing, some people continue to need information and assistance. The agencies involved in the Hub are looking forward to a fresh way to meet their needs in the year ahead.

Residents can also continue to access information and support through:

- Residential Advisory Service (RAS) 0800 777 299
- Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service (CETAS) 0800 673 227
- Earthquake Commission (EQC) 0800 326 243
- Earthquake Support Coordination Service (ESC) 0800 777 846
- Christchurch City Council 03 941 8999.

You can still visit the Hub until 17 December, between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Thursday. ■





Christchurch City Council has three Christchurch MTB Day Ride entries to give away.

To go in the draw to win one of these entries, email eventsdevelopment@ccc.govt.nz with the subject line 'The Pioneer MTB Day Ride FCU' and a sentence about why you want to participate in the event.

Entries close Tuesday 5 January 2016 5pm and will be drawn on Wednesday 6 January 2016. ■



One of the safest galleries in the world

Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu will re-open its doors to the public at 10am on Saturday 19 December after a five-year repair programme.

Since the Gallery closed in February 2011, the Council has spent \$59.2 million on repairs to re-level, strengthen and re-open the building.

Built in 2003, the building reacted well to the earthquakes in 2010 and 2011. However, areas of ground beneath the 33,000-tonne building liquefied and resettled unevenly, requiring significant repairs.

Phase one was to re-level the structure. Piles were formed under the foundations and filled with grout, slowly raising the building.

In April 2014, base-isolation work began. Large bearings were installed between the building and its foundations, effectively allowing the building to float on its foundations in an earthquake, significantly reducing the seismic stress on the building and its contents.

The final stage included repairs to essential services, the iconic glass façade and the interior.

Thomas Jones, Project Director, Christchurch City Council, says the Council has adopted best-practice methods to repair and reinstate the Gallery's building.

"The base-isolation technology is well-proven and has been applied to other national buildings such as the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and the Parliament Buildings, as well as many other museums and galleries in the Pacific Rim," he says.

"Christchurch Art Gallery is now one of the safest and most earthquake-resilient galleries in the world. Base-isolation provides a way to seismically protect the building, its valuable contents and its occupants."

Gallery Director Jenny Harper says as much of the building as possible will open to the public on 19 December. The foyer and exhibition spaces will be open, along with a temporary shop but there will be no car park or café.

"We will open whatever we have managed to complete. It will be a work in progress," she says.

"The Gallery means a lot to this community. We can't wait for the people of Christchurch to enjoy their collection again. We can't wait to show people new works as well as old favourites."

The re-opening will see the entire building turned over to a spectacular summer of art.

Upstairs, downstairs, inside and out (even in the lifts!), visitors will be able to view old favourites, as well as many of the 500 new pieces the Gallery has bought since it closed. Highlights on show at opening include the spectacular 'chandelier' Bebop by Bill Culbert and Christchurch's favourite bronze bull, Chapman's Homer by Michael Parekowhai.

Later in summer, major celebrations over Waitangi weekend will see Polygot Theatre's *Tangle* on the forecourt. Children take the lead in this fun piece of public art by tangling and weaving coloured elastic through giant golden poles, creating a stretchy, bouncy playground!

By the numbers

- 500 works added to Christchurch Art Gallery's collection
- 360 artworks in the opening exhibition
- 150 jet grout columns installed
- 140 triple pendulum bearings for base isolation
- 72 deep-ground anchors

Selwyn snapshot

It's been a busy year for the Selwyn district. Here is a snapshot of what's been achieved in 2015 and what's planned for 2016.

Achievements for 2015

Over 1,000 people are now employed at Izone (Selwyn District Councilowned). In the year to June 2015, a further 28 hectares of land were sold there, well ahead of the 10 hectares of sales the Council aimed to achieve.

Selwyn continues to be the fastest-growing district in New Zealand. Its population grew by 6.5 per cent in the year to June 2015 to reach 52,700.

The Council's 2015 residents' survey found 90 per cent of residents think Selwyn is a great place to live.

Two new cycleways, from Springston to Lincoln and from Lincoln to Rolleston, were constructed.

The first stage of a major upgrade to Leeston's stormwater system began.

In April, Foster Recreation Park hosted its first game. The development of the park's first paths and a tree planting programme are now underway.

Goals for 2016

Planning for a new library for Rolleston, to open in 2018/19, will start next year.

A new sports and community centre for Dunsandel will be built. The previous facility was demolished due to earthquake damage.

The development of a new West Melton Community and Recreation Centre will start in 2016, with work completed by 2018.

Foster Recreation Park will continue to be developed as a sports hub. McHughs Forest Park will be enhanced as a wilderness park.



Selwyn District Council plans to develop a new cycleway between Glentunnel and Coalgate.

The upgrade of Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant will continue. A pipeline from Prebbleton to the Pines treatment plant will be completed in 2016. ■



Looking out for land customers in 2016

Making significant progress on the remaining complex land claims in Canterbury will be a priority for the Earthquake Commission (EQC) in 2016.

With EQC's recently launched Increased Liquefaction Vulnerability (ILV) policy, land customers whose land potentially qualified as ILV are being provided with surety on their qualification and settlement status.

Most of the more than 8,500 customers have now been notified about whether they qualify for ILV pay-outs. Work has also begun on how settlement will apply for the roughly 4,400 customers with properties that qualify.

As ILV settlements are highly technical, EQC is holding a number of community meetings on how the qualification process for ILV land damage works.

In the last six months, about 50 community and stakeholder meetings have taken place around the city, and more engagement will follow.

Work is well underway on the other area of complex land settlement – Increased Flooding Vulnerability (IFV). EQC has already settled nearly a third of IFV claims. Settlement packs for IFV will continue to be sent to more customers in 2016.

The year 2015 has been big, and 2016 is also set to be busy, with EQC committed to staying in Canterbury until the job is done.

Visit **eqc.govt.nz/ILV** for more information. ■



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Kömihana Rüwhenua

5,000 Housing New Zealand homes repaired on time

The ambitious mission of Housing New Zealand (HNZ) to complete repairs to 5,000 earthquake-damaged homes has been achieved ahead of schedule.



Housing New Zealand tenant Reg Fulton is happy with the quality of repairs to his home.

The Canterbury earthquakes damaged more than 95 per cent of HNZ's 6,200 homes in greater Christchurch.

Housing New Zealand formed the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Programme (CERP) to repair and rebuild its social housing stock – that's repairing up to 5,000 homes and building around 700 new homes. As at 30 November, Housing New Zealand had built 323 new homes and a further 377 were under construction.

The repair programme, which began in 2013, was planned to finish by the end of 2015. However, work has been completed more than a month early, thanks to a concerted effort by staff and contractors and the support of thousands of tenants.

Homes are not just having their earthquake damage fixed. Housing New Zealand has used the programme as a chance to make other improvements such as installing new carpet, insulation, heating and ventilation while contractors are undertaking repairs.

CERP Acting General Manager Andrew Booker says reaching the 5,000 target ahead of time is very pleasing, mainly because it means thousands of tenants are living in vastly improved homes.

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Positive outlook in the Waimakariri

Waimakariri District Council's priority for the past five years has been earthquake recovery. The district has had to deal with unprecedented levels of growth, seeing over 4,000 new homes built since the earthquakes.

A huge effort has gone into supporting the recovery with new and stronger roads, sewer and water reticulation systems, along with the development of world-class community facilities and reserves.

Twenty-seven community buildings have been repaired and strengthened to 67 per cent or more of the New Building Standard. Outstanding facilities such as Trousselot Park, Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre, and the Rangiora and Oxford town halls also reflect the Council's commitment to 'build back better'.

While there is still rebuild work to do, the focus for 2016 will turn to decisions on the future use of residential red zone.

The Canvas feedback programme of 2014 asked Waimakariri residents for their thoughts, plans and hopes in relation to the future of the residential red zone in the district.

An initial document, Let's Discuss, was published in early October for feedback. Its purpose was to obtain views of the community on the future use of the residential red zone and to update the community on the

geotechnical information that helps to determine the suitability of the land for various uses.

With that information, Waimakariri District Council, CERA, Te Rūnanga o Ngãi Tahu, Environment Canterbury and a team of planners, policy advisors and engineers are now collaborating to develop feasible options for the future use of the residential red zone.

This work will be drawn together in a Preliminary Draft Residential Red Zone Recovery Plan, which will be put out to the community for further feedback from 6 February to 4 March 2016. From there, a Draft Recovery Plan will be developed by the Council to be submitted to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery for approval.

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Kaiapoi's town centre transformation

The Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre and the rebuilt Blackwells have given a sense of completion to development on the south side of Kaiapoi's river. But this month the north side also starts to transform with the establishment of the new ENC Business Centre.

This two-storey structure, with its schist stone exterior walls and floor-to-ceiling windows, combines the modern with a nod to the town's heritage. The building's clock tower was intended to provide a new home for the outdoor clock formerly located on the Kaiapoi War Memorial, but the clock was damaged beyond repair in a fire in 2013. A new clock will take its place next year.

Developer Jedd Pearce of Property Lifestyle Concepts is a life-long resident of Kaiapoi and had views on how he wanted this space to work.

"I wanted the building to bring something to the town – for it to look good but also, importantly, for it to be used."

Anchor tenant, local economic development agency Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC), is taking up two-thirds of the ground floor space. The centre is to become a 'go to' place for businesses. There are dedicated meeting rooms, public working areas and services such as ultrafast Wi-Fi allowing video conferencing. ENC will offer training, networking events and a wide range of business support activities and resources.

The centre will also house the Kaiapoi i-SITE and the Visit Waimakariri staff who are responsible for district promotion. This is an ideal site for them – highly visible and easily accessible – and they are looking forward to a busy summer season.

"Kaiapoi is the gateway to North Canterbury," says ENC Chief Executive Heather Warwick, "and it's exciting to see the rebuild continuing apace here, but with our business centre we are



Artist's impression: The new ENC Business Centre on the north side of Kaiapoi River is set to become a 'go to' place for businesses.

also bringing something new to the area. This is a highly desirable location for business and professional services and we are confident that in years to come, it will become a landmark building for Kaiapoi."

For further information, visit: www.northcanterbury.co.nz

Into the home straight

As 2015 draws to a close, the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) has been rebuilding and repairing Christchurch's earthquakedamaged horizontal infrastructure for more than four years. Repairing and replacing such a massive amount of infrastructure in Christchurch involves an unprecedented civil engineering programme the biggest in New Zealand's history. SCIRT is tracking well and is on target to complete its programme at the end of 2016.



During 2015, SCIRT crews have been busy completing work in central Christchurch to pave the way for the vertical rebuild. With that major milestone achieved, SCIRT's programme has moved to concentrate on more projects in the suburbs of Christchurch.

In the past year SCIRT started and completed many complex projects across Christchurch, from New Brighton to Fendalton to Sumner. All of them are vital to progress within their Christchurch communities and in the wider city as a whole.

 The installation of the biggest state-of-the-art vacuum wastewater system in New Zealand is progressing well in Aranui. The pressure main



installation between Pages Road and Shuttle Drive is now complete – it services 27,000 households.

- In May, SCIRT completed the underground wastewater and storm water work in McCormacks Bay Road and the three-laning project in Mount Pleasant.
- Repairs to the Southern Relief pipeline, which carries wastewater from around 200,000 homes and businesses, are advancing steadily in Linwood.
- Several crucial retaining walls throughout Lyttelton, Mt Pleasant and the Cashmere area have been completed this year.
- The replacement of the Northern Relief trunk main in Edgeware and Linwood, which carries wastewater from around 70,000 households, is well underway and expected to be completed in early 2016.

Above ground, repaired and newly rebuilt bridges emphasise the importance of SCIRT work to the recovery of the city, reconnecting communities. Here's some of our progress over the past year:

- Heavy-vehicle weight restrictions were lifted and pedestrian access was officially re-opened on Bridge Street Bridge in South New Brighton in March.
- In April the Antigua Street footbridge was officially re-opened.
- The newly rebuilt Dallington Bridge at Gayhurst Road was opened to traffic and pedestrians in August.
- In early September the bridge access at Armagh Street (Hagley Park) was re-opened.

- The new Carlton Mill
 Footbridge and repaired
 Carlton Mill Bridge in Fendalton
 were officially opened.
- The repairs and strengthening to the Bridge of Remembrance and iconic Triumphal Arch were completed in late September.

Future highway

SCIRT will maintain its current momentum to complete its work programme by December next year. The programme for 2016 is full. Many projects in the east are well underway or completed and the focus is shifting to smaller projects across the city as a whole and in the western suburbs. Christchurch people will notice SCIRT crews moving around more as SCIRT tackles smaller projects in more locations.





Merry Christmas from SCIRT

SCIRT workers will be off the roads in your neighbourhoods between 22 December this year and 5 January next year. SCIRT wishes you all a very safe and happy festive season.

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The Summer of Fun Community Fun Days are returning to greater Christchurch. A series of free, community-led events will be held throughout Christchurch and Canterbury over the next few months.

The Fun Days are supported by the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust. They include picnics, fun sports activities (from archery to old-fashioned games like tug-of-war and sack races), bouncy castles, balloon animals, BBQs and music.

The events are a chance to connect and have fun as a community.

Events coming up include:

EVENT & LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Carols in the Square – Cathedral Square	Saturday 12 Dec 2015	4pm – 7pm
Parklands Christmas in the Park – Parklands Reserve	Sunday 13 Dec 2016	4pm – 7pm
Diamond Harbour Music Series – Godley House site	Sundays from 3 Jan – 14 Feb 2016	1pm – 3pm
Summertimes Blues Concert – Beverley Park	Saturday 9 Jan 2016	5pm – 7pm

To find out what is happening in your neighbourhood, go to: bethere.co.nz or facebook.com/SummerOfFunNeighbourhoodProject



Holiday opening hours

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) will be closed from midday Thursday 24 December until 8.30am Tuesday 5 January.

Canterbury Support Line (0800 777 846) will operate its usual hours - gam to 11pm, 7 days per week.

Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service is closed only on the statutory holidays. Contact: 0800 673 227 or quakeaccommodation.govt.nz **Earthquake Support Coordinators** are available on **0800 777 846**. The service will be closed only on the statutory holidays.

Christchurch City Council

Christchurch City Council service centres and Civic Offices will be closed on statutory holidays.

Council recreation and sports centres will be open throughout the holiday period (except Christmas Day);

however, the exact opening hours vary for each centre.

Libraries are open every day except for statutory holidays. For details, go to: christchurchcitylibraries.com

Rubbish, recycling and green bin collections will carry on as normal, apart from Christmas Day and 1 January, when collections will be done the following day.

The building consents team will be working through the holiday period, although with fewer staff than usual.

A small number of staff will be available to deal with licensing inquiries and noise complaints. Phone: **03 941 8999**.

For full details on Christchurch City Council holiday opening hours, go to: ccc.govt.nz ■

Useful contacts



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EQC 0800 DAMAGE 0800 326 243 eqc.govt.nz SCIRT 03 941 8999 info@scirt.co.nz strongerchristchurch.govt.nz

Waimakariri District Council 03 311 8900 waimakariri.govt.nz

Selwyn District Council 03 347 2800 03 318 8338 selwyn.govt.nz

Environment Canterbury 03 353 9007 ecan.govt.nz Canterbury Support Line 0800 777 846

Earthquake Support Coordination Service 0800 777 846

Residential Advisory Service 03 379 7027 0800 777 299 advisory.org.nz

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





SPECTRUM Street Art Festival
12 Dec – 17 Apr, 9.30am–5pm, YMCA
and city

Seven exhibition spaces, 10 BIG city centre walls and 15 of the world's best street artists.



Live in the Park-Snapeshifter
12 December, 3.30–10pm, North Hagley Park

Shapeshifter come home for a one-off special show in Hagley Park, joined by Kora, Ladi 6, AhoriBuzz and Sunshine Sound System. From \$69



Carols in the Square 12 December, 4–7pm, Cathedral Square

Live music, bouncy castles, face painting and carol singing. FREE



2015/16 Season of Cricket in Christchurch

Various, Hagley Oval

Action-packed cricket this summer with four home games for the Canterbury Kings.



CSO presents: A Canterbury Christmas 21 December, 6.3opm, Isaac Theatre Royal

This concert sets the scene for Christmas with well-loved yuletide favourites and classical gems such as excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*.



YMCA Carols by Candlelight 24 December, 9–10pm, Latimer Square

A magical carol-singing by candlelight family event in Latimer Square.



New Year's Eve

31 December, 6.3opm–12.3oam, North Hagley Park

Kids' entertainment, games and a 'midnight' countdown at 8.3opm, then from 9pm the entertainment builds towards a fireworks finale at midnight.



New Year's Eve in the Square 31 December, 5pm–12.15am, Cathedral Square

Six60 ring in the New Year with an extended set showcasing their best hits and a few new ones from their second album. \$82



Weird Al Yankovic – Mandatory World Tour 6 January, Isaac Theatre Royal

Weird Al has earned four Grammy Awards for his hilarious take on popular songs. From \$99.80



Jimmy Carr-Funny Business 10 January, 8pm, Isaac Theatre Royal

From the man described as 'the hardest-working man in comedy', this is a highly anticipated show.

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.



For more events visit: **bethere.co.nz**