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The voice of the Canterbury rebuild

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Town meets country at the Canterbury A&P Show at the ASB Agricultural Park 11-13 November.

Christchurch celebrates NZ Cup and Show Week

New Zealand Cup and Show week is upon us and Cantabrians are preparing themselves for a week full of racing, fashion, entertainment and family fun.

Christchurch City Council Community Arts and Events Unit Manager Richard Attwood says 7–14 November promises to deliver all the events that make the week the country's biggest and most vibrant spring festival.

"New Zealand Cup and Show Week is one of our most popular festivals," says Mr Attwood. "We have a full week of events guaranteed to get everyone out and about and are looking forward to seeing large turnouts at all the major events."

There are nine action-packed events across the city during the week, including the Canterbury A&P Show,

the highly anticipated Christchurch Casino NZ Trotting Cup Day at Addington Raceway and Christchurch Casino NZ Cup and Bloodstock 1000 Guineas Day at Riccarton Park Racecourse.

For more information and to purchase event tickets, visit www.nzcupandshow.co.nz

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CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

John Ombler
 CERA Acting Chief Executive

A significant milestone has been reached with the release of the Transition Recovery Plan.

The Recovery Plan sets out how Government will step back and enable more local leadership and control over the regeneration of greater Christchurch in the years to come.

The Plan confirms the establishment of a new joint Crown and Christchurch City Council organisation, Regenerate Christchurch. It will focus on the regeneration of specific areas of Christchurch – initially the central city, the residential red zone areas, and New Brighton. The Plan provides information on the government agencies and a new Crown company that will deliver ongoing recovery functions and major projects when CERA ends next April.

At the same time, the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Bill has been introduced to Parliament. The new bill is intended to replace the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 and provide the tools to ensure momentum is maintained.

These are huge steps towards greater Christchurch's regeneration and reflect an enormous amount of planning and discussion involving a range of partners, organisations and the public. You can find out more at: www.cera.govt.nz/transition

CERA recently reached a milestone in the flat land residential red zone when it completed the last of over 300 relocations of Crown-owned houses. Almost 70 per cent of the 500 hectares of cleared flat land is now tidied and grassed, and only

a small number of insurer-owned dwellings are still to be relocated.

You can get an update on what's happening with the rebuild by visiting the high-tech Future Christchurch Visionarium at the Village Green during the A&P Show. There will also be fun attractions for the children in the theme of the Margaret Mahy Family Playground.

The new playground, which is due to open in central Christchurch by Christmas, is one of the projects being developed in and around the Ōtākaro/Avon River. To find out more about what's happening around the river, check out the colourful centre spread on pages 8 and 9. ■



CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Dr Karleen Edwards
 Christchurch City Council Chief Executive

November heralds the start of Canterbury's festive season, beginning with New Zealand Cup and Show Week, the country's largest and most vibrant spring festival. From 7 to 14 November, Cantabrians and visitors to Christchurch can take part in a week-long celebration of racing, fashion, entertainment and family fun.

Our annual spring festival attracts thousands of visitors to Christchurch. I am sure that those who venture into the central city will be impressed by the momentum of the city's rebuild – progress is well and truly underway.

It is wonderful to see a number of important developments come to fruition that will have a significant

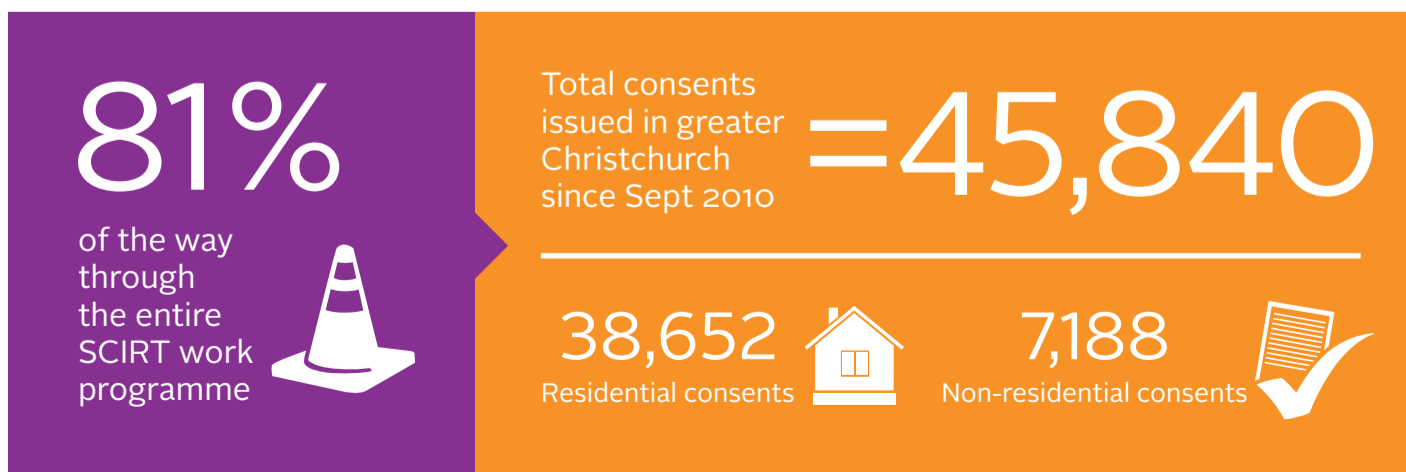
impact on our local community. For example, the Bus Interchange has officially opened much to the delight of those traveling to and from the inner city. The bus passenger lounge on Riccarton Road is also planned to open early December. The passenger waiting lounge, on the corner of Division Street and Riccarton Road, features seating, free Wi-Fi, up-to-date bus information and security measures for passenger safety.

We have also opened new social housing units in the city. Seven, modern one-bedroom units were opened at the Council's HP Smith Courts and Berwick Courts complexes in Richmond and St Albans. The new Council units are

being built to help replace the 113 lost to the residential red zone following the earthquakes.

People shopping in Christchurch's central city will have an opportunity to park free this month, thanks to a new Council initiative called Park Smart. Free parking is available in designated Council car parks in the central city for two hours once a week. This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early or explore the new developments around the central city. View our website for more information on where to park to take advantage of this great initiative. ■

Rebuild progress at a glance...



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

Transition Recovery Plan released

The finalised plan has been released that sets out the path for the regeneration of greater Christchurch.

The Transition Recovery Plan details the arrangements to be put in place when the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) ends in April next year. This includes the move to local leadership, ongoing cooperation between central and local government, along with setting out where certain CERA functions will go, a new monitoring regime and new legislation to ensure the recovery momentum is maintained.

One key element of the Recovery Plan is the establishment of a new organisation, Regenerate Christchurch, which will focus on the regeneration of specific areas of Christchurch – initially the central city, the residential red zone areas, and New Brighton. Regenerate Christchurch will be a joint Crown and Christchurch City Council organisation and will be overseen by an independent board of seven members. It will exist until June 2021, and then transition into a solely Council-owned organisation.

The Transition Recovery Plan also confirms the establishment of a new Crown company that will carry on the work on major projects in the central city. This company will sit apart from Regenerate Christchurch and Christchurch City Council's Development Christchurch Limited.

While the nature of the Government's role is changing, greater Christchurch continues to be a top priority. Once CERA ceases its operation next year, remaining work will transfer to other central government agencies such as Land Information New Zealand, the Ministry of Health (working closely with the Canterbury District Health Board) and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. These agencies will continue to deliver ongoing recovery-related services from their Christchurch-based offices.

In addition, the new Greater Christchurch Regeneration Bill that is intended to replace the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 (CER Act) has been introduced to Parliament.

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“We are moving on from emergency and recovery to a time of regeneration, and this needs to be appropriately reflected.

“I look forward to working with our strategic partners, Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council, Environment Canterbury and Ngāi Tahu, as we create a vibrant, regenerated greater Christchurch,” says Mr Brownlee.

The Transition Recovery Plan can be viewed at www.cera.govt.nz/transition or hard copy versions are available at CERA's offices, and at libraries and council service centres in Christchurch city and the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts. ■



Meet the rebuild workers



David Igoe Plasterer for Chamlang Ltd

Where are you from?

I'm from West Ireland – Galway. I came to New Zealand three years ago.

What made you want to be part of the rebuild?

An exterior plastering company had an ad online in Ireland and I applied for it. I had travelled Australia for two years and never came here. Then this came up and I thought, why not? I didn't even google Christchurch; literally I thought I would come over for six months, do a bit of plastering and go home. When I got here and saw the state of the place I was amazed. I didn't realise the extent of it at all. Hugely naïve on my part but don't regret it – absolutely not.

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

We go into houses that are wrecks and when

you leave them they are like brand new and personally that's a big thing for me.

Another plus for me is the Gaelic football team, The Canterbury Cusacks, I've set up with some other guys. I didn't want to be like some lads out drinking all the time so we started playing soccer. I've made such good mates out of that, my fiancé and I are going to get married here.

What challenges you about the rebuild?

That's a hard one. The only thing I would say is that some people have been waiting on their EQC repairs for a long time. We go in to deal with them and they could be the nicest people in the world but their patience is worn to nothing. That can be hard. I recently plastered the top of the Triumphal Arch at the Bridge of Remembrance so that is something I can say I have done.

New centre creates hub for Halswell

A new library and community facility opening later in November will create a hub for the fast-growing Halswell community.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre includes a library with varied spaces, an approximately 5,000-square-metre outdoor area with swimming pool, several large meeting rooms, inclusive community spaces and a customer service desk.

Naming this facility Halswell Centre came from a community competition for the name. Council staff also worked alongside Mahaanui Kurataiao to consult with Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki and Ngāi Tūāhuriri to arrive at the Māori name, *Te Hāpua*, which is a reference to pools of water, and a subtle reference to Waihora (Lake Ellesmere), often referred to as a 'hāpua' or coastal lagoon. The name also references the location of the complex alongside Te Tauawa-a-Maka/ Nottingham Stream, an upper tributary of the Huritini/Halswell River, an important source of the lake.

"We're really excited about Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, which will be almost double the size of the Upper Riccarton Community and School Library," says Facilities and Infrastructure Director David Adamson.

"This is the first time Christchurch City Council has offered so many services under the one roof and it's a pretty large roof at that."

Planning for the centre began in 2009, when \$23.1 million was earmarked for its development. Even before the post-quake population increase, the Council had identified a population boom and community needs in Halswell.

The summer pool opens on 14 November, ahead of the centre's official opening at 10am on 28 November.

The centre's attractive design features variably sloping walls and roofs with rain gardens slotted into the exterior walls, surrounded by glass and lush vegetation. Water from the roof irrigates this vegetation, while 124 new trees will be planted. Green features of the building include high natural light levels and passive solar design, while the centre also offers:



Sloping walls are a feature at the centre, as work continues ahead of the opening on 28 November.

- fully accessible for individuals of all ability levels
- new pool changing rooms, pool control office and BBQ pavilion
- large and small meeting rooms with after-hours access
- extensive library collection in a range of formats
- a Learning Centre
- a youth area, a children's area and a comfortable and accessible older people's area
- a Te Ao Māori space, a local history area and community information area
- a café with outdoor views
- a specific area for outdoor community activities like markets and performances
- capacity for dance and low-impact fitness activities. ■

New Aranui Community Centre another step closer

The new Aranui Community Centre in Hampshire Street is taking shape, with the facility still on track to open in mid 2016.



The structural steel work for the new Aranui Community Centre is finished.

All the structural steel work is now complete and the internal framing and blockwork for the changing sheds and the toilets is almost finished. Precast panels are expected to be erected shortly. The design of artwork panels by local artist Dallas Matoe has been completed and these will soon be manufactured.

The community has had input into the choice of a large, lime-green panel that will feature on the front of the community centre overlooking Hampshire Street. A

total of 282 residents had input, with 90 people choosing lime green over burnt orange and blue.

Christchurch City Council has also invited community input into the themes that should be incorporated into an art installation that will feature in the new facility. The Council is currently asking for expressions of interest from artists to undertake the work.

The new community centre will include activity, meeting and office spaces

and sports changing rooms. It is being built on the site of the former Aranui Wainoni Family Centre, which was demolished due to earthquake damage.

A total of \$5.9 million has been set aside for the facility, including \$1 million from the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust and \$450,000 from Lions Club International Foundation.

Work to rebuild a new **Avebury Paddling Pool** in Eveleyn Couzins

Avenue is expected to begin this month. Demolition of the old paddling pool will take place first and will take three days to complete. It is expected the new paddling pool will re-open towards the end of the 2015/16 summer season. The paddling pool has been closed since it was damaged in the February 2011 earthquake. The rebuilt facility will have new concrete surrounds, new seating areas, a new access ramp and a large shade sail. The original plant room and existing fencing will be reused. ■

Share your ideas for the leisure water area at the Metro Sports Facility

Water adventure play? A toddlers' play area? Water jets and spray? A lazy river? There will be a 1,500-square-metre leisure water area at the Metro Sports Facility with two hydroslides already in the planning – what else would you like to see there?

If you've seen or visited other leisure pools around New Zealand or around the world, what are some of the things you liked?

Tell us what's important to you.

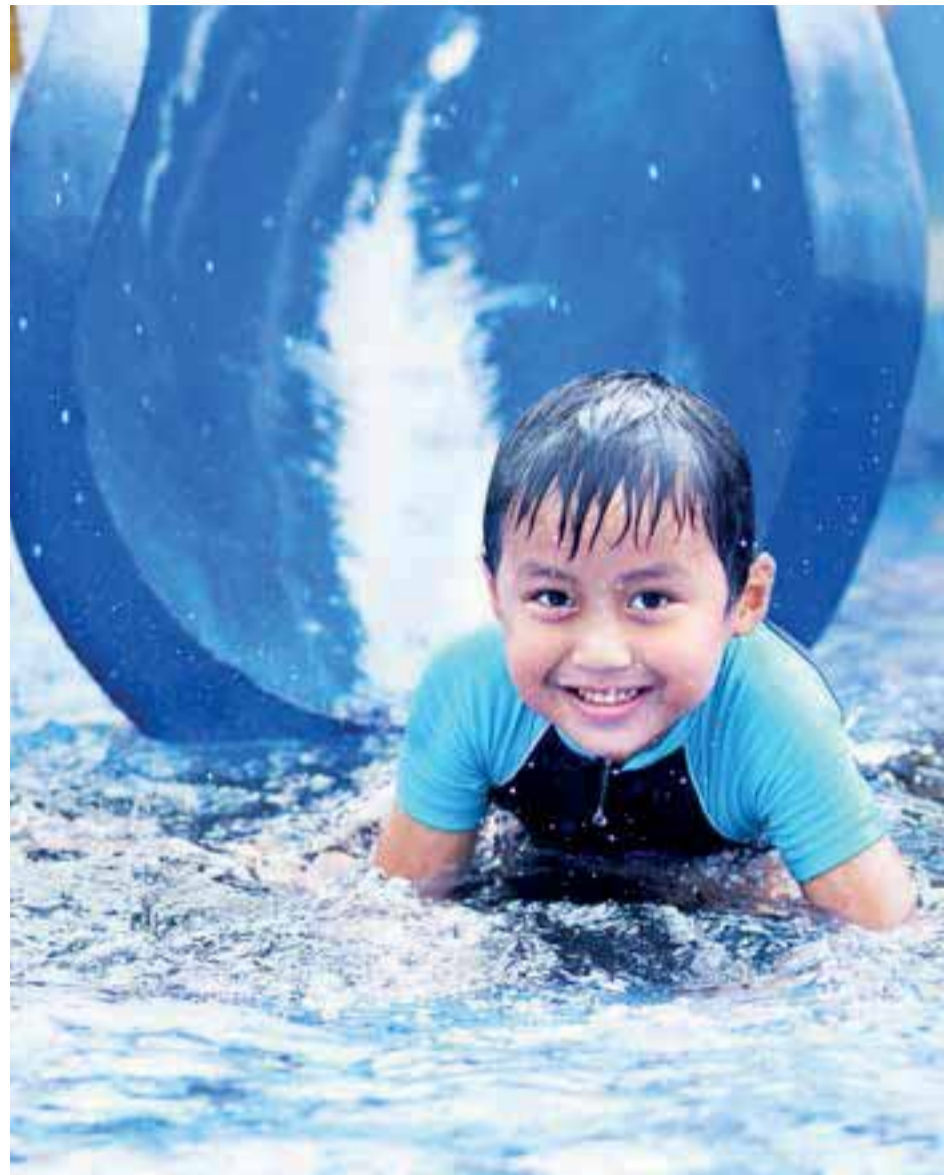
The Metro Sports Facility will be the second largest of its kind in Australasia, offering an impressive range of fun, fitness and sport options for the community.

To get the leisure water area right, the Christchurch Central Development Unit wants to hear what you think.

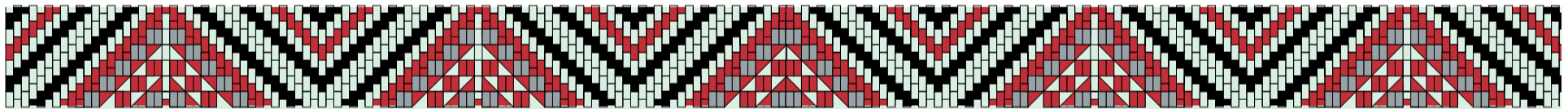
The Metro Sports Facility will be close to Hagley Park and the Health Precinct/Te Papa Hauora, with links to Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct and the Retail Precinct. It will be easy to get to by bike, car, bus and foot.

The intention is to have the Facility fully open to the public in March 2020.

You can share your thoughts and ideas by going to: ccdu.govt.nz/metropools between 9 November and 13 December. ■



Whether it's family fun, exercise, sport or hanging out with friends, share your ideas on what kind of fun leisure activities or toys you'd like to see there.



Family playground taking shape

The Margaret Mahy Family Playground site is a hive of construction activity ahead of the playground's planned December opening.

The Story Arc (blue circle, pictured top right) is a massive, 130-metre circular pathway that speaks of voyaging, exploration, settlement and survival. It creates a journey through the centre of the playground and pays specific tribute to beloved Christchurch authors Margaret Mahy and Elsie Locke, and the oral traditions of Ngāi Tahu.

The Story Arc was designed by Ngāi Tahu artists Priscilla Cowie and Neil Pardington and is made up of a ring of stone pavement imprinted with text and images sandblasted into the granite. It celebrates Christchurch's shared cultural heritage with references to both Ngāi Tahu and European settlers.

Blessings (karakia) were held last month at the Story Arc site by Ngāi Tūāhuriri, mana whenua for Ōtautahi/Christchurch.

Karakia were also held for another project, Ngā Whāriki Manaaki. Whāriki are woven mats used on the marae and the project is a collection of mat designs interpreted in coloured stone and laid into the ground much like a mosaic. Thirteen designs will be located along Te Papa Ōtākaro Avon River Precinct's city Promenade. The stone weaving patterns and the Story Arc are part of Ōtākaro | Art by the River, the unique trail of artworks that will be sited along the river. ■



Bus Interchange fully operational

Christchurch's Bus Interchange has been officially opened by the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee.

The \$53 million facility on the corner of Colombo and Lichfield streets has opened in stages. The first stage opened in May with 8 of the 16 bus bays operational. In August, the building was physically completed and further opened to the public, including bike parking and additional seating. Testing on the remaining eight bus bays in Stage Two of the building was completed last month and all 16 bays are now operational.

The first of five tenants, Muffin Break, has opened its doors. Other confirmed tenants are Zuzu's Gelato, which will open later in the year, and Auntie Dai's Dumplings. Coachline Ritchies will open an office at the Bus Interchange and take bookings for regional and inter-city travel. A fifth retailer is still to be confirmed.

Bus Interchange: designed for people

The Bus Interchange is the first Crown-led anchor project to be completed. The Christchurch Central Development Unit engaged with a number of external parties over the design of the project.

An independent auditor from the Barrier Free NZ Trust reviewed the plans and a number of user-friendly components were incorporated into the design. They include raised walking strips and electronic braille



The main folded roof of the Bus Interchange has been designed to be welcoming and inviting, and easily recognised.

information stands for the blind and ground-level access (no steps) for accessibility. Signage heights and types were designed with all users in mind. For safety, customer waiting areas are separated from bus manoeuvres.

Youth advocates also provided input. Young people wanted a light, safe place that "makes people want to come in and use it" and "airport-style" seating areas. Young people also highlighted safety issues with the toilets at the old Bus Exchange. Unisex toilets have been built at the new Interchange, situated in well-lit, high-traffic areas. CPTED, or crime prevention through environmental design, principles were also integrated into the design.

Bike parking is available to accommodate 100 bikes.

Some key features:

- The foundations on Lichfield Street have been built to accommodate up to an additional three levels above the existing structure.
- Bus bays are built to the height of double decker buses.
- The Bus Interchange has capacity to meet the 2041, and beyond.
- A rain garden captures and treats 70 per cent of run-off.



To find out more, go to: ccdu.govt.nz/bus-interchange ■

Get the inside scoop on Christchurch!

New stories are being added to the Chch Story app every week.

Read all about community champions, local markets, hidden artworks, award winning cafes, business innovation and anchor projects coming to life.

Download the free **Chch Story** app now and discover inspiring stories from people calling Christchurch home.



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Victoria Square Restoration Plan approved

The Victoria Square Restoration Plan has been endorsed by Christchurch City Council and approved by Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Nicky Wagner.

Under the Restoration Plan, the Bowker Fountain will be restored, and additional seating and better lighting installed. A punt stop will be added and the existing paths widened.

Four key principles underpinning the Restoration Plan focus on the need to:

- keep the aspects of the current environment that people enjoy
- acknowledge the past
- provide good pedestrian access to and from Victoria Square
- make activities such as relaxing and meeting friends and whānau a central part of the square's future.

The Restoration Plan follows a process which sought the community's input into Victoria Square. The final plan reflects the comments received from two rounds of public engagement as well as the contribution of the Victoria Square Community Reference Group, which oversaw the community engagement process.

What we heard from you...

"A reminder of our past, tranquillity, access and beauty."

"Retain all the green features, especially the lawns."

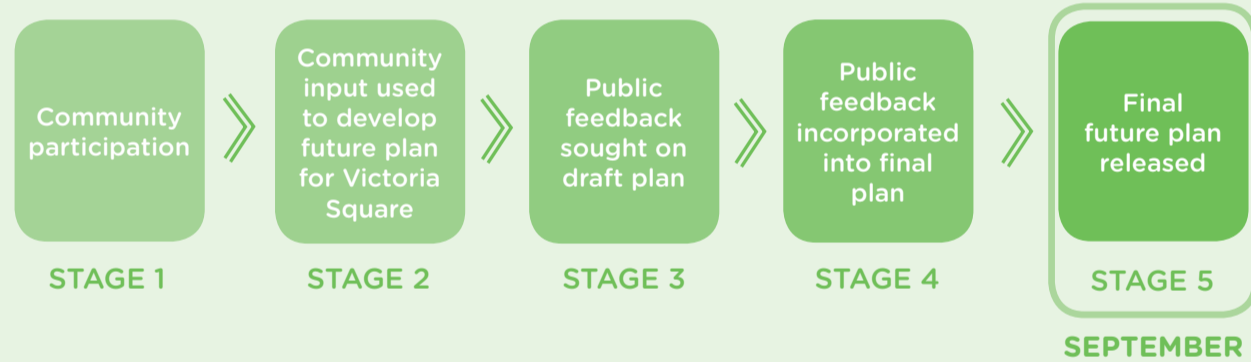
"Happy with how it was originally but important to restore balance with culture of Ngāi Tahu."

"The idea of upgrading safety features is excellent."

To find out more, go to: ccdu.govt.nz/victoria-square ■



The public participation process for Victoria Square



EQC notifying home owners affected by Increased Liquefaction Vulnerability

The Earthquake Commission (EQC) has begun the process of informing home owners about whether their property has the type of land damage known as Increased Liquefaction Vulnerability (ILV).

This is the first time anywhere in the world that this type of land damage has been recognised as insured damage.

The EQC Head of Canterbury Land, Keith Land, says there will be a two-stage approach to communicating EQC's ILV settlement decisions. "Customers will first find out whether their property qualifies for a settlement for ILV land damage. We expect this stage will be completed by early 2016.

"Once a settlement decision has been made for properties

that qualify, customers will then receive a full settlement pack, with detailed information on the amount of payment and what it is based on."

Mr Land says EQC expects to be distributing the full settlement packs for ILV land damage and for any other outstanding land damage throughout 2016. The most difficult group of settlements to work through for EQC will be the properties that have suffered both ILV and Increased Flooding Vulnerability.

"We recognise that our customers have been waiting for a long time for ILV settlements to begin. Developing our settlement approach for ILV land damage is complex work and has taken time. We want to make sure we get it right and that home owners have confidence all properties have been assessed consistently and fairly," says Mr Land.

EQC will be inviting affected home owners to a series of community meetings across the city towards the end of this year and early next year. Mr Land says the meetings will give home owners the

opportunity to hear directly from EQC and its engineering advisors Tonkin + Taylor.

For more information on ILV land damage, visit the EQC website at: www.eqc.govt.nz/ILV ■

Contact details:

🏠 eqc.govt.nz

☎ 0800 DAMAGE or 0800 326 243



Te Papa Ōtākaro / Avon River Precinct

The Ōtākaro/Avon River is being transformed into an urban waterfront destination with commercial and leisure activities designed to entice people of all ages into the city centre.

Come and take a closer look.



AVON RIVER PRECINCT TE PAPA ŌTĀKARO



1 Watermark

Watermark was the first section of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct to be completed. The site spans the river's true left bank between Antigua Boatsheds and Montreal Street. Watermark delivers on aspirations for a 'Green City' with a healthy river at its heart.

2 Ngā Whāriki Manaaki Weaving Patterns

Ngāi Tūāhuriri weavers have developed a series of weaving patterns representing elements of tikanga associated with a marae visit. The patterns will be incorporated into paving designs at sites within the precinct.

3 A Healthy River

Fish are thriving, the water is flowing faster and the riverbed is cleaner in the Ōtākaro/Avon River thanks to extensive cleaning and rehabilitation works.

4 Victoria Square

Based on public feedback, many of the existing design elements of Victoria Square will be retained with a focus on better accommodation of pedestrian and cycle movements.



With thanks to Illustrator Brendon Wright

5 The North Frame

An important visual corridor extending from Victoria Square towards the Edmonds Band Rotunda, this pathway will be strengthened by a new pedestrian bridge link.

6 Avon Loop

Enhanced native plantings on the Avon Loop will attract native birds and reflect the special significance of this section of the Ōtākaro/Avon River.

7 Margaret Mahy Family Playground

The Margaret Mahy Family Playground is set to become a regional destination where people of all ages and abilities can enjoy a diverse range of activities.

8 The East Frame

The East Frame will be a new neighbourhood located in the heart of the city around a large central green space. It will combine residential development with cafés, restaurants and outdoor entertainment areas.

9 The Terraces

The Terraces will make the most of the waterside location, allowing people to get close to the water with flights of broad steps, ramps and decks providing access down to the river edge.

10 Landscape enhancement

Intensive landscape enhancement is being undertaken with over 1700 new trees to be planted, along with more than 100,000 native and exotic shrubs across the precinct.



Cycleways work hits top gear

Christchurch City Council is powering ahead with its plans to build a network of cycleways across the city.

Plans for three significant portions of routes are being released for community comment this month. They are:

- **Little River Link**, the city end through Addington, Spreydon and Middleton
- **Rapanui — Shag Rock**, from the Fitzgerald Avenue and Worcester Street intersection to Linwood Park

- **Papanui Parallel**, from Bealey Avenue through St Albans and Edgeware to Northlands Mall

The work is being done as part of the Urban Cycleways Programme, a joint funding arrangement between the Government and local councils to speed up the construction of facilities to encourage more people to travel by bike.

Building the cycleways requires changes to vehicle movements along streets, speed limits and parking availability. Full details, including the plans and information about how you can comment will be available on the Council website:

ccc.govt.nz/cycleways ■

Step forward to support Coastal Pathway

People taking part in a charity fun run this month are being encouraged to nominate the Christchurch Coastal Pathway as their charity to receive money from the run's proceeds.

With stage two of the Coastal Pathway open, almost half of the route is in use. The Coastal Pathway Group is raising funds to add design features such as lookouts, shelters and planting.

The Christchurch Coastal Pathway is a nominated charity in The Press Summer Starter Fun Run on 29 November.

"People of all ages and abilities will enjoy this event. We would encourage

everyone to get out their sneakers, throw on a green T-shirt and give it a try, it is a fantastic experience," says Dr Tim Lindley, Chair of the Pathway Group.

When complete, the Christchurch Coastal Pathway will link Ferrymead to Sumner, providing locals and visitors with a unique way to explore this remarkable coast line, making use of the park-like environment along the route. At Ferrymead, it will join with

Christchurch City Council's Rapanui — Shag Rock Cycleway, providing a direct link into the central city.

For more information on the Coastal Pathway, visit www.christchurchcoastalpathway.org.nz

To find out more about the Summer Starter Fun Run, visit summerstarter.co.nz ■



Stage two opening day 4 September 2015: Mayor Lianne Dalziel and Michael Fulton riding through the ribbon.

Riccarton Road bus lounge opening soon

The bus passenger lounge on Riccarton Road is planned to open around late November or early December. The passenger waiting lounge, on the corner of Division Street and Riccarton Road, features seating, free Wi-Fi, up-to-date bus information and security measures for passenger safety. Outside, plans include installing three bus stops on each side of Riccarton Road to cater for the more than 3,000 passengers a day who pass through the area. Keep an eye on the Council website at ccc.govt.nz for more details about the bus passenger lounge opening.

New social housing units for Richmond, St Albans

Christchurch City Council has celebrated the opening of seven new social housing units in the city.

The modern one-bedroom units were opened at the Council's HP Smith Courts and Berwick Courts complexes in Richmond and St Albans.

They are part of a number of new Council units being built to help replace the 113 lost to the residential red zone following the earthquakes.

A further 34 units are scheduled for completion by mid 2016, in Addington, Woolston and Mairehau.

Riccarton Racecourse alcohol ban on Cup Day

The streets around Riccarton Racecourse are to be alcohol free from 7am to midnight on Cup Day, 14 November 2015.

The Council has introduced a temporary ban in the area enclosed within and on both sides of Yaldhurst Road to Middlepark Road, Epsom Road to Racecourse Road, Buchanans Road to Masham Road and Masham Road to Yaldhurst Road.

No alcohol is allowed within the ban boundary except where exemptions apply to licensed areas, such as the racecourse venue.

A breach of an alcohol ban can result in an instant fine of \$250. ■

Why we need to take care of our waterways

Have you ever noticed the stream at the roadside or wondered about the purpose of the creek at the bottom of your garden?

These are all part and parcel of Christchurch's extensive land drainage network. The network was borne out of necessity more than a century ago to transform an unpromising swamp into a habitable, healthy city. Because they are largely out of sight they can also be out of mind, but they have a very important function, particularly when it rains.

"In Christchurch we are in the privileged position of inheriting an extensive stormwater network," says Christchurch City Council Acting City Water and Waste Unit Manager Tim Joyce.

"Quite literally, this network was wrestled from the swamp – it was an immense task over many decades."

As the city expanded, many of these structures became surrounded by private property.

"The Council has to work hard to maintain hundreds of kilometres of drains, channels and pipelines. This task

has become increasingly important since the Canterbury earthquakes as city-wide land subsidence has reduced the effectiveness of many parts of the network, most evident in the Flockton area during last year's floods," says Mr. Joyce.

"While the Council is investing in flood mitigation projects and improvements to the network, keeping the network free of debris and obstructions can make a big difference to the network's ability to drain stormwater."

"Residents can help by keeping creeks free of garden waste or debris. If you have an open channel on your property, make sure it isn't covered over or blocked. Keep retaining walls or bridges in good condition and avoid modifying them in a way that might cause them to trap debris or obstruct water-flow during a flood."

Acting City Water and Waste Unit Manager Tim Joyce



The difficult ground conditions encountered over much of Christchurch are evident in this 1918 photograph of land that was once covered by swamp forest. Source: *Christchurch, Swamp to City: a short history of the Christchurch Drainage Board 1875–1989* by John Wilson

What you can do to help

Report storm water or drainage issues by calling 941 8999 or log the issue on the Council's website.

If you plan to do anything close to a waterway, make sure you first get approval from the Council. For information about this, visit: ccc.govt.nz/environment/water/waterways ■



Council starts integrated strategy for water

Wastewater, surface water and water supply are sometimes taken for granted but in post-earthquake Christchurch we are well aware of how much water affects our lives.

That's why Christchurch City Council is starting work on an integrated Three Waters Strategy.

The Council's Unit Manager Natural Environment and Heritage Helen Beaumont says that, after the earthquakes, residents endured broken pipes, collecting drinking water from tankers and using portable toilets on the street. Flooding has also been an ongoing problem for some people.

"The Three Waters Strategy will, in the short term, provide guidance for fixing and adapting our infrastructure. However, the strategy is not time-bound and will inform other Council long-term plans, infrastructure strategies and asset management plans for many years to come," she says.

The Council previously relied on separate strategies for each type of

water – wastewater, surface water and water supply. But it is timely to develop an integrated approach now.

The impact of climate change, and the values associated with landscapes, ecology, recreation, drainage, heritage and tangata whenua, will also be included.

MWH and subcontractors Tonkin + Taylor, Cranleigh and Aqualinc are

working with the Council to develop the draft Three Waters Strategy based on international best practice. The draft is likely to be ready for public consultation mid next year.

"With this strategy, we will have a clear plan to manage Christchurch water resources now and in the long term," Ms Beaumont says. ■



The Conway Lane development on Rangiora's High Street.

Rangiora High Street coming back with style

With new builds already done or underway on the north side of High Street, Rangiora's new-look CBD is coming together, accompanied by a new wave of optimism and opportunity. Carefully considered private sector projects are revamping the street sympathetically, blending the old with the new.

One example is the Conway Lane development, a pair of two-storey buildings with a pedestrian laneway between them, recently completed by Ashley Developments. The building façades are traditional in design, bringing some architectural elegance while giving a firm nod to the town's rural heritage.

On a practical level, the buildings are angled to allow for better natural light and a wider laneway. Much of the ground floor is destined for retail. Life Pharmacy and Paper Plus will be anchor tenants while smaller, independent retailers will help create a feel of boutique shopping. At the wider end of the laneway, the space offers areas that are ideal for outdoor dining.

Lindsay Bain and Andrew Wenborn of Ashley Estates both have strong local roots. They have taken "a long-term view" of their development, conscious that future generations should be able to take pride in it.

Mr Wenborn says, "The town centre needs to be given space to grow so that we can create a vibrant hub." Consistent with his longer-term vision of apartment living in the central zone, the upper levels of their buildings – although currently

designated for office space – are also consented for residential use.

Further up High Street, developer Ron van Til gave the architect one key word in the brief for his 1,000-square-metre development – "style".

"I was prepared to pay more for what I was building, I wanted it to look good. It's something that is going to be here for the next 50 years," he explains.

The resulting building will add a modern, upmarket frontage to High Street, with timber overhangs and copper accents. It is expected to be completed in January 2016.

Interest from prospective tenants, including some national food operators, has been high, says Mr van Til.

"I haven't had to advertise at all. I haven't even had to put a 'for lease' sign up on the development."

The Waimakariri district is the third-fastest growing in the country. If you are interested in setting up your business in the district, contact Tom McBrearty (tom@enterprisenc.co.nz) at Enterprise North Canterbury, the local economic development agency, or go to: www.northcanterbury.co.nz ■

Keeping people moving on the Northern Motorway

Following the Canterbury earthquakes, the Waimakariri district has seen the equivalent of nine years' housing growth in three years due to city-wide housing pressures. In Kaiapoi alone, 1,244 new home building consents have been issued since September 2010.

This accelerated growth has put a huge amount of pressure on the Northern Motorway, particularly during peak hours.

The New Zealand Transport Agency, Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council are working together on a number of initiatives to help keep people moving on the Northern Motorway.

These include:

- changes to bus services in the district
- Park and Ride locations in Silverstream in Kaiapoi, and White Street in Rangiora
- introducing some higher-frequency buses
- introducing a new commuter bus service to the airport commercial and industrial area and Hornby
- altering some bus routes to improve coverage
- improving bus lanes
- promoting carpooling as a means to save money and reduce congestion – lets carpool.govt.nz
- installing new southbound and northbound electronic message

signs to keep motorists better informed of travel conditions and of any incidents

- tailoring traveller information sources online at tfc.govt.nz
- variable speed limits on the motorway to maintain consistent traffic flow during peak morning times.

"Each of these initiatives relies on everyone being willing to make changes about the way they travel. Be it carpooling, catching a bus once or twice a week or considering travel at different times, small changes by all of us will help keep everyone moving."

Waimakariri District Mayor David Ayers

Some of the initiatives are being rolled out now and others are planned over the next three to five years. ■



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Izone a cornerstone of progress in the Selwyn district

The Selwyn district is going from strength to strength in post-earthquake Canterbury, as the success of the Izone industrial park at Rolleston demonstrates.



Canterbury's first inland port, the Port of Tauranga's Metroport Christchurch, opened at Izone in August.

The 180-hectare park is New Zealand's largest, fully consented industrial park. Established by the Selwyn District Council 10 years ago, it is managed for the Council by Hughes Developments. It is part of the wider Rolleston Industrial Zone to the north of the Rolleston township.

At the heart of central Canterbury's agricultural production region, Izone is home to more than 60 companies, which together employ about 600 staff. As might be expected, a large proportion of those companies service the rural sector and/or on-process, and distribute food and textile products.

About 65 per cent of the project has been sold and there's been a positive response to the final block of Izone land (Stage 7), which was released for sale recently. Izone celebrated more success in August when the Port of Tauranga opened its intermodal freight hub there – Metroport Christchurch. The inland port offers good access to both Lyttelton Port of Christchurch (LPC) and PrimePort Timaru.

Local company Pegasus Engineering has been operating in Izone for almost three years. General Manager Simon Williamson says overall the shift from the company's former Hornby premises has had a positive effect on the

business through its location and access to amenities.

"The large, open roadways mean our logistical movements have improved immensely and the completion of the first stage of the Southern Motorway means our travelling time back into Christchurch has not been significantly affected.

"The creation of the Metroport also gives us better access to rail freight for inwards material and finished items."

The Carter Group is also developing the South Island Industrial Port alongside Izone. Stage one of the Carter Group's 122-hectare

development saw the sale of 27 hectares to LPC to develop an inland port. This inland port together with Metroport at Izone will see Rolleston become a significant regional freight and logistics hub with connections to strategic road and rail routes serving import and export markets throughout the South Island.

Future plans to connect Selwyn to Christchurch

Construction of stage two of the Southern Motorway is expected to begin in late 2016 and be completed in 2019. The motorway extension will run from Halswell Junction Road to north of Hoskyns Road in Rolleston. With the new route, the journey from central Christchurch to Rolleston is expected to be reduced by about 15 minutes.

Selwyn District Council is also planning to upgrade intersections and widen roads in eastern Selwyn that connect to the new motorway. Since 2014 the Council has been investing an additional \$1 million per year to fund extra road maintenance work as traffic volumes in Selwyn have increased significantly.

The Council recently announced it will look at developing a flyover bridge across State Highway One and the main railway line at Rolleston. Its aim is to improve the connection between Rolleston's industrial area, the town centre, and the Southern Motorway, as well as to provide a key east-west link for Selwyn residents across the district. The project involves key stakeholders such as New Zealand Transport Agency. ■



The move to Izone has been good for business at Pegasus Engineering.

Key facts about Selwyn

Selwyn has been the fastest-growing area of New Zealand for the past eight years running.

- As at August 2015, 4,683 residential and 1,336 non-residential building consents have been issued in Selwyn since September 2010.
- Selwyn was ranked as New Zealand's strongest-performing economy in 2012 and 2013.
- Selwyn's current population is estimated at around 54,000. It is expected to reach 74,600 by 2031.
- Selwyn District Council recently won the Supreme Local Government Excellence Award from the New Zealand Society

of Local Government Managers for its online building consent application process.

- 15,200 full-time equivalent employees are employed in the district.
- 5,500 businesses operate in Selwyn. ■

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Thank you Christchurch – we're on the home straight

It has been more than four years since the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) hit the ground running in September 2011 to repair the city's earthquake-damaged pipes, roads, bridges and retaining walls.



Drivers take note: more SCIRT work sites but for shorter durations will mean traffic set-ups changing more often. L–R SCIRT Downer Traffic Management Co-ordinator Kiri Ward along with Stewart and Shaw Ritson and their SCIRT traffic colleagues have an important role to play to keep road users and work site crew safe.

Now 81 per cent complete, the SCIRT programme – funded by the Government and Christchurch City Council – has been the biggest civil engineering undertaking in New Zealand's history. With 2016 on the horizon, the SCIRT team is digging deep as it heads into the last year of its five year programme.

The damage was massive

The huge network of pipes under the roads are the city's veins and arteries. Hidden away, sometimes as deep as six metres, they're vital to keep the city running. After the earthquakes, it was a big job to assess the damage and design a plan to rebuild this network. *The damage was massive.*

Roadworks = progress, and that's a good thing

With up to 150 work sites live at any one time across Christchurch, SCIRT's earthquake repairs have had a huge impact on local residents, businesses and commuters.

SCIRT knows how hard it is on people having so much construction work underway at once. And it has been the community's tolerance that has enabled SCIRT to achieve so much to date.

Ian Campbell, SCIRT Executive General Manager, says, "It has been a long slog for people putting up with the roadworks, and we hope we can count on the community's support for one more year, as we finish our work."

SCIRT heads west in 2016

Heading into the final year of its programme, SCIRT work is becoming more 'piecemeal' and widespread across the city. The most damaged parts of the horizontal infrastructure were in the east, and now that prioritised work is either complete or well underway.

Residents in the west, where there was a lower level of overall damage, will start seeing more SCIRT activity in their neighbourhoods.

Smaller projects mean more SCIRT sites and shorter timeframes. With traffic management changing more often, drivers are asked to take extra care to keep everyone safe on the roads.

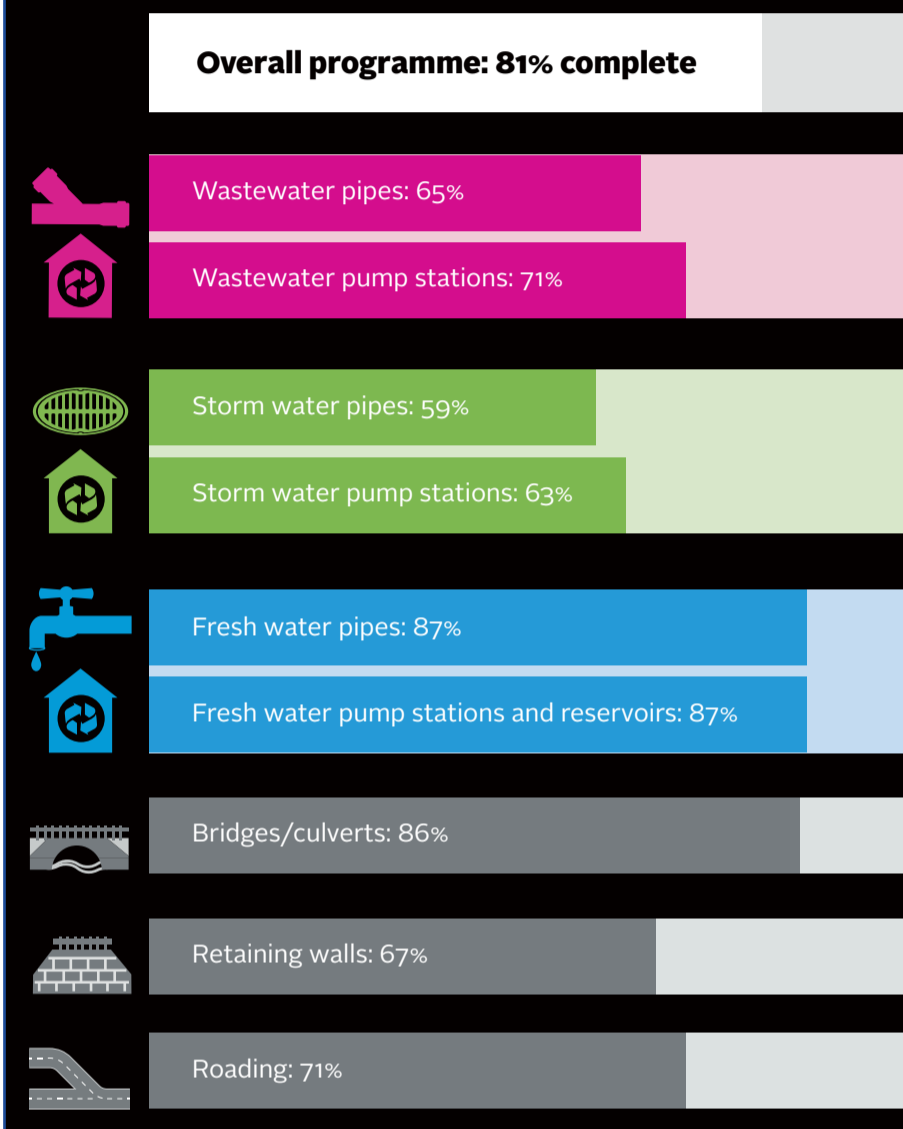
After SCIRT – the work goes on

Once damaged pipes under the road are repaired, the road surface is completed.

Given the funding constraints, many roads will initially be patch-repaired or given a temporary surface by SCIRT. The focus is on providing a serviceable road surface that will keep the city moving safely and efficiently.

Work on roads will continue after SCIRT. The Council and New Zealand Transport Agency have a long-term maintenance and repair programme for roads not funded in the SCIRT programme. ■

SCIRT Progress



Jon Kissel and Warren Hoffman from SCIRT's City Care team working on one of Christchurch's wastewater lift stations as part of the overall network repair work.

A big thank you

SCIRT thanks the people of Christchurch for their continued support and patience. Repairing the earthquake-damaged horizontal infrastructure is a big job, and it wouldn't have been possible to make so much progress without that support. ■

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Plan your parking for Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park

Concert goers attending this year's Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park on Saturday 28 November should plan their travel and parking arrangements.

Parking

All on-street and Council-owned off-street public car parking will be free of charge for the event from 4pm. Normal charges at privately owned off-street car parks still apply.

There will be a passenger drop-off zone on Harper Avenue, heading west.

Mobility parking will be accessible from the Armagh Street entrance. A mobility pass is essential.

There will be no public parking in Hagley Park (owing to upgrading of the grounds for a national touch

rugby tournament), or in the Botanic Gardens' Riccarton Avenue and Armagh Street car parks.

Travel to the event

Bus routes to the event: Victoria Street-Blue Line. Tuam Street (hospital end)-Yellow, Purple and Orange Lines. For more information, visit: metroinfo.co.nz

Park Terrace will be closed from Dorset Street to Bealey Avenue from 5pm to 11.30pm.

Bus routes that normally use Park Terrace will be diverted during the closure. ■



Free parking for smart central city shoppers

People shopping in Christchurch's central city will have an opportunity to park for free with a new programme called Park Smart by Christchurch City Council.

The free parking is available in a designated car park in the central city for two hours once a week.

To find out where and when you can park free while shopping, go to the Council's website: ccc.govt.nz/parking

The Park Smart trial runs through November and is only for Council parking areas, not parks run by other companies or organisations.

Make sure you keep checking the website because the free parking areas and times they are available will change regularly.

While you're online, use the interactive map to plan your parking in case you can't get a free spot. The maps will help you see where you can park, for how long and at what cost. ■

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Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service
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What's on...

Canterbury A&P Show
 11-13 Nov, 8am
 ASB Agricultural Park

Country comes to town for New Zealand's largest A&P Show. Entry from \$10.



Free

Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park
 28 Nov, 7.30pm-10pm
 Hagley Park North

Celebrate Christmas in Hagley Park with your friends and family. Free concert and fireworks. Parking and travel information on page 15.



Free

Santa Parade 2015
 6 Dec, 2pm
 Riccarton Road

130 spectacular floats featuring popular characters and music.



Free

Asia Pacific Bowls Championships
 24 Nov-6 Dec, from 8.30am daily
 Burnside Bowling Club

Competition featuring 20 countries from the Asia Pacific region.



Christchurch South Island Wine and Food Festival
 5 Dec, 11.30am-7pm
 Hagley Park North

From \$39.90 + booking



Live in the Park – Shapeshifter
 12 Dec, 3.30pm-10pm
 Hagley Park North

Various bands
 From \$69 + booking



Evolocity – Electric Vehicle Rally
 28 Nov, 9am-4.30pm
 Mike Pero Motorsport Park

Adults \$10, U12 Free



Imperial Russian Ballet – Swan Lake
 28-29 Nov, 2pm & 8pm
 Isaac Theatre Royal

\$55 + service fee



Free

Christmas Encraftment Market
 29 Nov, 11am-4pm
 The Foundry Bar

The city's freshest craft & design market.



Free

Christchurch Casino Highland Day
 5 Dec, 8.30am-5.30pm
 Ilam Homestead

Pipes, drums, dancing.



Free

Crusaders Charity Cricket
 6 Dec, 11am-3pm
 Christchurch Boys' High School

T/20 cricket battle.



Free

Carols in the Square
 12 Dec, 4pm-7pm
 Cathedral Square

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



Season of Cricket
 8 Nov-20 Feb
 Hagley Oval

The place to be for the summer of cricket. Various prices



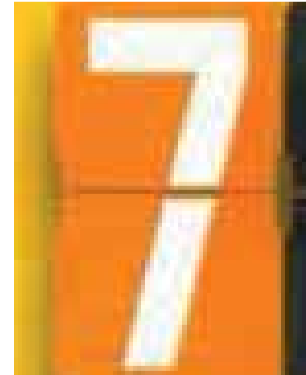
Rite of Spring – NZSO
 25 Nov, 7pm
 Horncastle Arena

The 1913 Paris premiere sparked a theatre riot. From \$15



Cold Chisel
 4 Dec, 7.15pm
 Horncastle Arena

From \$156.86



7 Days – Live Tour
 12 Dec, 7.30pm
 Horncastle Arena

From \$46

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