



Greater Christchurch

RECOVERY UPDATE



Thousands turned out to view the light and architectural spectacle that was LUXCITY on Labour Weekend in the city. Over 350 architecture and design students from across New Zealand designed and constructed 16 installations in the central city's empty places. They used light to create spaces for pop-up functions: bars, cafes, live music venues, theatre and a gallery.

LUXCITY on 20 October was the opening night event for the Festival of Transitional Architecture (FESTA). [↻](#)

Spring River Festival community fun

The success of the first Spring River Festival already has organisers thinking ahead to next year.

The programme on the Saturday and Sunday of Labour Weekend featured 40 recreational and community events at New Brighton, Ferrymead, Wainoni, Burwood, Travis, Shirley and Avonside.

Avon-Ōtākaro Network co-chairman and Spring River Festival organiser Evan Smith, says the range of events attracted between 4,000 and 5,000 people over the two days, which were sunny and warm.

"The festival opening, which involved a flotilla of waka, dragon boats and rowing boats, was very moving and attracted about 400 people. Around 750 attended a special event at Ferrymead Heritage Park on the Sunday which featured historical photos of the river and estuary."

Mr Smith says about 3,000 people attended events in New Brighton on the Saturday and businesses reported their best trading day for several years.

"We chose the river as a focus as it's by far the most significant feature for the east. The Spring River Festival recognises the importance of the Avon/Ōtākaro River and



estuary to the history, health and wellbeing of Christchurch. It's also about reconnecting people and communities from all parts of the city and strengthening many of the communities most affected by the quakes.

"It was only our first year running the festival so we have things to learn. Overall we are happy with the turn-out in a weekend where there were a number of competing events

and we've got some ideas on how to make it even better next year," says Mr Smith.

Initiated, coordinated and promoted by Avon-Ōtākaro Network, the festival is supported by Christchurch City Council, CERA, Sport Canterbury, CanCERN, Healthy Christchurch, Rebuild Christchurch Foundation and the Volunteer Army Foundation. [↻](#)



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Gerry Brownlee
Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

NZ Cup and Show Week is upon us.

A myriad of events comprise Cup and Show Week at Riccarton, Addington, the A&P Show, and throughout the city and province. It's a busy time. Collectively these events add significant value to our region economically, but also psychologically by raising our spirits.

Cup and Show Week demonstrates the strength of our diversity - our pastoral and livestock agricultural base, the equine industry, sports, business and manufacturing, hospitality, high-end fashion, and more.

Economically, the value can be measured both in terms of the direct spend at Cup and Show Week events, and also in terms of the growth generated indirectly. At the time of the last research into the economic benefits of Cup and Show Week in 2010, direct spending was calculated at over \$30 million, 45% of which was spent by visitors to Christchurch.

The growth generated indirectly includes things like money spent outside Cup and Show events such as at restaurants, hotels, visiting other attractions while in Christchurch, and so on. This indirect spending was calculated at over \$28 million.

Over 600 full time positions were required to service this level of spending.

Here is an interesting fact. In 2010 over 165,000 of us attended various events throughout Cup and Show Week and in 2011 this figure only dropped by around 12%, despite the February 2011 earthquake and thousands of aftershocks. This is another example of our resilience and determination to move forward with our lives, and is testimony to our commitment to and enthusiasm for Cup and Show Week.

It is also testimony to our need to come together, return to a degree of familiar normality, and just have fun. Cup and Show Week always seems to have a positive and uplifting effect on us. Its hard not to be positive about people coming together and having fun (while at the same time adding value to our economy).

And we deserve it.

There is still much to do to ensure everyone is a part of our recovery journey, but we should not forget that we have already come a long way and have much more to look forward to.

Whichever events you attend during Cup and Show Week, or whether you choose to stay closer to home and relax, I hope you enjoy the time and spend some of that time reflecting on how much we have to celebrate. ☺

UPDATE FROM TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU



Artists impression Te Ari Prendergast and Andy Davies – RAA

Te Papa Ōtākaro – reviving the heart of our city

Te Papa Ōtākaro, the Avon River Precinct will become the 'tāhuhu/backbone' or 'linear heart' of Christchurch, acknowledging the significance of early Ngāi Tahu occupation in the central city.

Hirini Matunga, Professor of Indigenous planning at Lincoln University, says prior to European settlement, Christchurch was 'teeming with Ngāi Tahu people', travelling from all around Te Waipounamu and stopping off at Market Square, known today as Victoria Square.

"We now have a wonderful challenge and an opportunity arising out of this earthquake to restore these sites that were really important to us," Hirini Matunga says.

Associate Professor Director Ngāi Tahu Research Centre, Te Maire Tau says Māori values in terms of their relationship with the land and caring for people will need to be reflected in the rebuild.

Architect Perry Royal, advisor to CERA's Christchurch Central Development Unit says wāhi tapu and sites of cultural significance will be connected and acknowledged within the central city.

"Significant geographical features will be reflected through spatial connections in the form of pedestrian ways, view shafts, place and street names. These spatial connections will imprint a coherent, physical and connected narrative in the new compact core of the city."

Perry Royal says Market Square on the banks of the Avon River was a key trading site for Ngāi Tahu, in particular Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

"This site will become the poutokomanawa (central pole), where visitors can be welcomed through the pōwhiri ritual. It will become the key northern gateway to the city and the beginning of the city's narrative." ☺



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Urban Village design competition launched

A design competition for a new Urban Village in central Christchurch will bring to life the vision of the residential housing development included in the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

The new Urban Village is a joint development involving Christchurch City Council, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and CERA's Christchurch Central Development Unit. It will be built on the corner of Madras and Gloucester Streets.

Designers and developers from around the world are being invited to enter the 'design and build' competition. Entrants are tasked with designing a new complex for medium-density urban living. It must provide a variety of housing options and lifestyle choices based on the key principles of sustainability, affordability, innovation and a strong sense of community. Located on the edge of the East Frame, it will

have easy access to green space, the new Performing Arts Precinct, retail and entertainment areas, and transport and recreation facilities.

"The new development will inspire and excite a new generation of residents to live within Christchurch's central city, where we are rebuilding what will be one of the most modern and liveable cities in the world," says Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker.

The deadline for entries in the first stage of the competition is 15 January 2013. Three teams will then be shortlisted and given \$20,000 to complete developed designs.

A winner will be selected by next August, with Kevin McCloud presenter of British television show Grand Designs as one of the judges. Construction is scheduled to begin in December 2013. ☺

Convention Centre

The deadline for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from groups that want to be part of the Convention Centre Precinct is drawing near.

CERA's Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU) and Christchurch City Council called for EOIs on 10 October 2012. The EOI invitation seeks to encourage innovation and explore market interest and capabilities in delivering the Convention Centre Precinct. Responses will be used to inform the next steps of delivery. Design proposals will need to include the Convention Centre, its car parking area, connected retail and commercial operations, and a five-star hotel. The centre is to be open for business by March 2017.

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee says the Convention Centre must be able to run three events at the same time and comfortably hold 2,000 delegates.

"The centre needs to be in keeping with the exciting new city we are creating around it; it needs to be an iconic facility that makes an impressive aesthetic statement," says Mr Brownlee.

The design is expected to reflect the Convention Centre Precinct's links to the Square, Victoria Square and the Avon River Precinct.

Prospective providers have until 9 November to submit their proposals. Selected respondents may be invited to discuss their concepts further, and all respondents will be advised of the outcome of the process in February next year.

The precinct's development will be led jointly by CERA and the Christchurch City Council, working closely with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.



Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct

Many firms have been contending for the role of bringing the Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct to life. The number has recently been whittled down to 11.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) were called for in late September, prompting responses from 27 firms specialising in project management, quantity surveying or design consultancy. To implement the project, three firms – one from each of these three categories – will work collaboratively. A Request for Proposal will be sent out to the 11 successful respondents to the EOI shortly and their responses are expected by mid-November 2012.

CCDU General Manager Christchurch Central Project Delivery Greg Wilson, says a panel will then decide which firms will be successful in spearheading the first Christchurch Central Recovery Plan anchor project. The panel will consist of representatives from Christchurch City Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and CERA along with industry specialists.

"We anticipate they'll be notified later in November with substantive work commencing early 2013," says Greg Wilson.

The Frame

CERA's CCDU is expecting a draft report on the Frame and the buildings it affects shortly. In that report, design consultants will recommend which buildings should remain, which should stay initially but be transitioned out over time and which sites should be cleared. Ongoing transport planning may also affect some of those decisions. CCDU expects it will be able to inform the affected land owners in November.

Land acquisition

Discussions are under way with a large number of property owners over the acquisition by agreement of property affected by anchor projects under the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

CCDU is focusing on the land required for the top priority anchor projects: Convention Centre, North and East Frame and Metro Sports Facility.

To date, almost all the relevant owners have been contacted in relation to the 333 land parcels affected by those anchor projects. Valuation instructions have been issued for 291.

CCDU General Manager Christchurch Central Project Delivery Greg Wilson, says seven cases are nearing the final stages of agreement.

"Agreements are being finalised but they need to get the final seal of approval from CERA Chief Executive Roger Sutton."

It's hoped announcements on the first voluntary land acquisition deals can be made shortly.

Overall, CCDU is dealing with 884 land owners in relation to more than 1,300 separate land parcels affected by anchor projects.

Invest Christchurch

The Invest Christchurch service facilitates private investment in the Christchurch rebuild by helping potential investors to access information, identify opportunities and overcome regulatory hurdles. It is part of CERA's Christchurch Central Development Unit.

The Invest Christchurch team has engaged with over 300 potential investors including funders, developers, property owners, occupiers, service providers and potential buyers. Around 60 per cent have been local. There's also been significant interest nationally (around 30 per cent) and from overseas – mainly Australia and China.

The manager of Invest Christchurch, Sheila McBreen-Kerr, says direct engagement with the market, along the lines of an information session held recently with Retail Precinct land owners, will increase as the rebuild gains momentum.



Roger Sutton
CERA Chief Executive

The Lonely Planet guide recently described Christchurch as a place that's 'rising from the rubble with flair'. That's a title I feel proud to embrace. Lonely Planet has also rated us number six on its list of 'Top 10 Cities for 2013' and that's something I hope the world will embrace.

The guide book describes Christchurch as a vibrant city in transition, coping resiliently and creatively in the aftermath of the earthquakes. The recommendation to visit and see the rebuild which it describes as 'interesting and inspiring in equal measures', is a reminder the eyes of the world are on us as we take on this mammoth task. I think that is also a timely reminder of how far we have come – and that we are making progress.

The infrastructure rebuild really is under way. The Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) aims to be doing \$40 million worth of infrastructure work every month; it's now up to \$38 million. The cost of building a house in Canterbury is now more than nine per cent higher than it was a year ago – compared with three per cent nationally. That may seem like bad news if you're planning to build but what it says to me is things are on the move. Builders, tradespeople and those involved in the rebuild industry generally are busier than ever.

High profile visitors are also making sure Christchurch is on their travel itinerary. In recent times, we've been visited by the All Whites who beat Tahiti in a World Cup qualifier at AMI Stadium. We've also had confirmation of the impending visit of the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. The Royal couple will be attending the 150th Canterbury A & P Show after spending some time looking around the city and talking with the people who are working to make the recovery happen. CERA will also have a presence at the Show at the Greater Christchurch Recovery Pavilion and I invite you to come along and see us. ☺



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SCIRT Progress Statistics

Completed

206

projects totalling \$80 million

18km

fresh water pipe laid

48km

wastewater pipe laid

76,486 sqm

road pavement laid

3.3km

stormwater pipe laid

1,190 km

of the 1610km wastewater network needing assessment (over 100mm diameter) completed using CCTV/ multi-criteria assessment

665

of 1080km of stormwater network needing assessment (over 100mm diameter) completed using CCTV/ multi-criteria assessment

620

work notices distributed

In pipeline

88

projects totalling \$220 million under construction

39

projects totalling \$135.5 million being estimated

164

projects totalling \$1 billion being designed

\$1.5 billion

is the total value of work in train within the rebuild programme



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1. Burke St, Addington: Placemakers flying its sale sign so drivers and passers-by are in no doubt they are open for business. 2. North Avon Road, Richmond: plenty of carparks behind the shops. 3. Estuary Road, South Brighton: park around the corner, support your local café and businesses. 4. Meshino Café, Rutland Street, St Albans: the last part of this work is now starting, repairing the road damage.

Open for business? Let your customers know

SCIRT's piping infrastructure is largely buried within our roads. With 90 SCIRT work sites active in Christchurch currently, repairing and replacing these earthquake-damaged core connections is affecting thousands of us daily – residents, road users, and businesses which rely on customers stopping to shop.

So how does SCIRT help people plan around road works and minimise the impact construction will have on your business or home life?

The first thing is communication – through signs and work notices warning people that work is coming up and the timeframe. Residents and businesses with particular needs have to be taken into account. For example, meals on wheels deliveries do not stop just because a road is partly closed to traffic.

For businesses, SCIRT wants as many people as possible to get the message that they are still operating and need support. We all need to make an extra effort to ensure the businesses we rely upon – from the small dairy open long hours to larger businesses who have built a good reputation – continue to be supported.

As the project continues, SCIRT will continue to update residents and businesses and let them know if timeframes are shorter or longer than originally anticipated and the reasons why.

SCIRT has also been working with Recover Canterbury to work out ways businesses can reduce the impact roadworks and traffic changes have on their turnover.

Traffic management

Short-term traffic management has to strike a balance between safety and convenience. We want all road users to be able to navigate sites easily and for the work crews to be safe, visible and protected.

Slowing down traffic to 30kph can be helpful in drawing people's attention to their surroundings and making an area more pedestrian-friendly.

Parking and signage

In retail areas, the traffic management plan will aim to take into account signage issues and parking considerations to help redirect people and ensure they know the business is open. Wherever possible, if alternative parking sites are available nearby, SCIRT can look at providing signs so people can continue to stop safely to shop.

Can timeframes be changed?

Where it is possible to do so, timeframes may be adjusted by a few weeks. This can only happen if the overall project does not lose traction and if utility and telecommunications companies also working in the same area can work with the adjusted schedule.

How does SCIRT decide what to do first?

SCIRT takes a number of factors into account in prioritising its work programme. An outline and map of work to 2016 is available on the SCIRT web site – click the Road to Recovery button top right – www.strongerchristchurch.co.nz There is also a six-month time frame which is more specific.

In places like the central city, the wastewater, fresh water and stormwater networks are functioning, however some remain fragile. SCIRT is working with the Christchurch City Council, Christchurch Central Development Unit and other utility providers to repair and rebuild those parts of our networks that require attention.

Wherever possible SCIRT takes a coordinated approach with the design and construction of infrastructure to ensure retailers and property owners have confidence and security in the core water services, power, gas, and telecommunication networks throughout the city. ♻️

Repairs continue on Council facilities across the city

Repairs on two of Christchurch's most well-used paddling pools are the first to be carried out on 30 facilities across the city and Banks Peninsula.

Repairs are underway on the New Brighton Whale Pool and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens Paddling Pool, which will allow the pools to re-open in time for families to enjoy this summer. The Abberley Park Paddling Pool in St Albans and the Woodham Park Paddling Pool in Linwood are also being repaired.

All the pools undergoing repairs, except the Botanic Gardens Paddling Pool, were closed last summer after they were damaged in the February 2011 earthquake. The Botanic Gardens Paddling Pool was open last summer but part of it was closed following the December 2011 earthquake.

The paddling pools in New Brighton and the Botanic Gardens are among 30 priority facilities that the Council approved for immediate action in September as part of its Facilities Rebuild Plan project. The 30 projects include a range of community facilities that are currently closed and are considered a priority for re-opening.

Investigations are continuing into the rest of the 30 priority facilities, including the Scarborough Paddling Pool, which is more damaged. This includes carrying out further engineering assessments, progressing discussions with insurers, and, where possible, looking at repair and strengthening options.

Christchurch City Council General Manager Community Services Michael Aitken says the Council has also completed, or is continuing, repairs on a number of its other 1,600 facilities across the city. It has approved repairs to these facilities over the past year while it has been progressing Detailed Engineering Evaluation (DEE) assessments on both its residential and non-residential facilities.

"This is a huge undertaking for the Council. As well as carrying out engineering assessments on our facilities,



which can take up to two months to complete for each building, we have also been looking at options for repairing and strengthening buildings which we know the community wants to see re-open. Gathering the information needed to make a decision about a building can take many months and there are also discussions with insurers to consider."

Repairs and earthquake strengthening have already been completed on Cowles Stadium in Aranui, Fendalton Library and Service Centre and the Curator's House which have now all re-opened to the public.

Repairs are continuing on Linwood Community Arts Centre, Avebury House in Richmond, the Youth Hostel Association Hostel in the Central City, Poseidon Café in Sumner and will begin soon on the Victoria Clock Tower and Edmonds Clock Tower.

For more information go to: www.ccc.govt.nz/facilitiesrebuild or www.futurechristchurch.co.nz

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CERA commits to ongoing TC3 support

CERA is in the process of producing a range of information resources for green zone flat land residents.

One aspect is the planned publication of the answers to the most frequently asked questions that emerged from the recent series of community meetings. About 5,000 people attended the meetings which ran in greater Christchurch from 27 August to 23 October.

The community meetings highlighted a number of common questions from residents, particularly about Technical Category Three (TC3) areas. CERA and its partners are keen to develop on the feedback they received to give residents a better understanding of their own situation.

Keep an eye on the CERA website (www.cera.govt.nz) which will be updated as resources become available.

Meanwhile, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee says he's confident progress was made

at a recent workshop aimed at overcoming and minimising barriers to rebuilding on TC3 land.

Mr Brownlee hosted around 80 stakeholders in the rebuild, from the insurance, engineering, building, legal and real estate sectors with the goal of identifying solutions to any remaining issues for rebuilding in TC3.

"Progress is being made in TC3, with EQC and private insurer's drilling programmes progressing well but I believe things can move more quickly," Mr Brownlee says.

Agreements are now in place with most of the insurers to share their geotechnical data. Some insurers are ramping up repairs, beginning their rebuild programmes and letting homeowners know when they expect to fix their homes.

Of the approximately 180,000 homes in greater Christchurch 28,000 are in TC3, and of that group around 10,000 are likely to require a rebuild or significant foundation repairs.

For more information go to: www.cera.govt.nz

BRIEFS

Red zone statistics

Total number of red zoned properties in greater Christchurch: **7,860**
(as at 26 October 2012)

Red zoned property owners who've returned a sale and purchase agreement: **6,173**

Number who've settled with the Crown: **4,872**

Property clearances completed: **1,207**

Port Hills land zoning review

Residential home owners in the Port Hills have now had the opportunity to apply for a review of their land zoning.

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee has announced the zoning review process for Port Hills land that was at any stage zoned white.

As with the flat land, the review will check that the criteria used to zone land red or green have been applied properly.

The review panel will be chaired by Dr Keith Turner, who also oversaw the flat land zoning review. The panel includes public policy and legal experts from CERA, along with an independent geotechnical engineer with no involvement in previous zoning decisions. The Christchurch City Council will also have a representative on the panel.

The deadline to apply for a review was 26 October. The review process will be completed in December.

Temporary Accommodation Allowance extended

Financial assistance to help with the accommodation costs of residents whose dwellings were seriously affected by the earthquakes has been extended until 2015.

The Temporary Accommodation Allowance (TAA) is for home owners whose insurance cover has run out and can be used to cover rent, board and motel stays. It is not means tested and offers support of up to \$330 per week, depending on the family commitments of the applicants.

The TAA was originally intended to be available until February 2013, but has now been extended until 1 March 2015 for eligible homeowners.

For more information on accessing the TAA, see www.quakeaccommodation.govt.nz, call **0800 673 227**.

Christchurch inventor and local plastics firm on road to success

Two Christchurch companies are poised for international success with their new invention thanks to a hand up from the city's business support organisations.

The Cosy Dome is a downlight cover that sits inside a home's roof space, preventing heat loss while reducing fire risk. Invented by Paul Hill and manufactured by Plastech, Cosy Dome went into commercial production in April 2012 and is now in demand both here and in Australia.

"The potential for Cosy Dome, especially in Australia, is huge and the recent naming of the product as a finalist in the New Zealand Innovators Awards and the Plastics New Zealand Design Awards has provided the extra credibility needed to break into offshore markets," says Paul Hill.

This success has been made possible thanks to Recovery Canterbury, Canterbury Development Corporation and Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce. Through their support, Cosy Dome Limited received a grant from the Ministry of Science and Innovation to help manufacture the first Cosy Dome prototype. Recover Canterbury, through the Canterbury Business Recovery Trust, also provided a grant to help Plastech relocate its factory after its premises was destroyed in the February earthquake.

"Without the initial grant from the Ministry of Science and Innovation and the support from these organisations we would not be where we are now. Having these guys on our side acting as a sounding board, providing advice and helping dismantle the barriers was hugely beneficial," says Paul Hill.

Plastech's Graeme Rickard is enormously grateful for Recover Canterbury's support.

"Having that hand up was vital for the reestablishment of Plastech and the development of Cosy Dome. It enabled us to not just get back on our feet and continue operating but to expand our business by continuing to manufacture



Recover Canterbury's Russell Cull, Cosy Dome Inventor Paul Hill and Plastech Industries General Manager Graeme Rickard with the Cosy Dome.

ideas and turn Kiwi ingenuity into commercial reality," says Graeme Rickard.

About Recover Canterbury

Recover Canterbury was established after the earthquakes to accelerate business recovery and prepare businesses for future growth. It is a collaboration between the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Canterbury Development Corporation, along with various government agencies involved in business support.

For more information go to www.recovercanterbury.co.nz



Education Renewal – Have your say

Lesley Longstone, Secretary for Education, Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education is working with CERA and other agencies on the Recovery Strategy for greater Christchurch – a key component of this is education.

The extent of damage and ongoing impact of people movement in the wake of the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes means the education network cannot be restored to the way it was. We need to come up with some new and innovative approaches.

The viability of existing schools and increased demand for new schools has led to proposals to close or merge a number of schools. These proposals reflect the impact of local population movements, the stability of the land in and around the schools and the remediation required to both repair buildings and ensure we meet the future education needs of greater Christchurch.

Boards of Trustees are now consulting with their communities on these proposals which have been developed following community consultation on "Directions for Education Renewal in greater Christchurch".

Because these proposals will inform, at least in part, the future shape of education provision across Christchurch, it's important parents, learners, teachers and the wider community take the opportunity to provide their views. This will help ensure the solutions developed meet the needs of the local community, and children and young people.

You can find out more about what's proposed for your local school and the rationale behind the proposals for closure or merger on the Shaping Education website. Boards of Trustees are managing their own consultation so check with your local school to find out how you can become involved and have your say.

Education renewal is about meeting the needs and aspirations of children and young people, so take this opportunity to get involved – education in greater Christchurch will be the better for it.

Find out more about education renewal and the rationales behind the proposals on the Shaping Education website: <http://shapingeducation.minedu.govt.nz>

Opting out of the Canterbury Home Repair Programme

Most people with earthquake damage greater than \$15,000 and under the \$100,000 + GST EQC cap will have their repairs completed in the Canterbury Home Repair Programme (CHRP). However, you can choose to opt out and manage the repairs yourself, perhaps because you want to do repairs alongside other home renovations.

Recently EQC made it easier to opt out by improving the application process and by simplifying contractor payments by removing the requirement that work done in an opt-out is inspected before EQC pays the contractor doing the work.

But opting out isn't for everybody. When you opt out, you take on the responsibility for every aspect of the repair. As project manager, you will have to obtain all necessary

consents and ensure repairs comply with all the relevant laws, including the Building Act 2004. You will have to resolve any disputes and you will have to keep your insurer informed of the repair work to be undertaken and make any insurance arrangements that are necessary prior to work starting on your home. You will, of course, also need to satisfy yourself that the work has been done to a satisfactory standard.

You will also need to manage invoices and EQC payments to ensure your contractor is paid on time. Most of the time this isn't going to be a problem – EQC pays out on contractors' invoices that have been approved by you, the opt-out customer, on or before the 20th of the following month.

But you will still have to manage your cash flow and it's

important you understand what is involved before taking the step to opt out of the CHRP.

By contrast, the EQR-led Canterbury Home Repair Programme gives customers piece of mind because they take care of all the building consent requirements, all the finances and all the quality control work.

CHRP customers can choose a specific contractor to work with if they want, and most customers report they are satisfied with the outcome.



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A roadmap to recovery for the residents of St Albans

Recovery work in St Albans is about encouraging the community to take the lead in building its own future – as well as offering support to make it happen.

The St Albans Residents' Association has developed the St Albans Community Strategy 2013–2023 to revitalise the area over the next decade.

More than a thousand responses were received in a March survey of the future direction of the wider St Albans area including Edgware, Mairehau and part of Merivale. From that, 700 ideas were distilled down into the 20-point plan which covers four main areas: built, services, recreation and strategic.

St Albans Residents' Association chairwoman Emma Twaddell, says the Community Strategy covers everything from upgrading Edgware Village and the Warrington shopping area to introducing a Malvern Park Fitness Trail.

"The most important thing is that it is driven by the community. We have put this strategy together on behalf of the community but we are hoping people will now put up

their hands to help implement it, and we have already seen that happen in a number of cases.

"I think people have realised over the last two years that someone isn't going to turn up and magically save them. That's not the case, never has been and never will be. We have to stand up and be accountable for what's going on around us. It's our city and we need to be involved in the recovery," says Emma Twaddell.

One practical way the St Albans Residents' Association is trying to increase people being involved is the barbecue trailer it hires out to local groups who wish to fundraise or hold community events. With a grant the Association has just received, it will be able to offer the barbecue trailer for 25 free street parties over the summer as well.

The Association operates a website and a Facebook page. A group of about 50 volunteers also publishes a monthly residents' newspaper, StAN.

For more information on the St Albans Residents' Association, go to: www.stalbans.gen.nz

Progress for Edgware

There are huge signs of progress for quake-affected Edgware Village.

The Edgware business precinct was closed in early June 2011 after detailed engineering reports identified quake damage.

Now, following a major refurbishment programme, the affected businesses are slowly coming back to life. United Video owner Brian Ronan couldn't be happier since reopening a few weeks ago.

"The building is now 100 per cent of earthquake standard and we are very pleased with the result. People are slowly finding out we're open again and starting to coming back to us," says Brian Ronan.

Simon Lau owns Crisp on Edgware. The vegetable shop operated out of a tent for well over a year in front of the damaged shopping precinct.

"We are very happy and excited we've moved back in and so are our customers. We are very grateful to them for

sticking by us while we operated out of a tent outside. That was a mission. The worst thing was the weather – we got through snow, hail and rain – but we've come out the other side now."

KB's Bakery has also re-opened and a suburban version of Baillies Bar, formerly based in Cathedral Square, is set to open up shortly.

There are about 20 businesses in Edgware Village and they have worked together with Recover Canterbury to successfully apply for a \$10,000 grant from the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust to help revitalise earthquake-affected suburbs.

The business owners will use that funding, along with their own contributions and financial support from the Canterbury Business Recovery Trust, to build on their initial progress. They plan to launch a promotional campaign for the area, develop an Edgware brand, produce some physical signage and run a Christmas event.

Members of the All Whites football team engaged in a kick-around with local and national Futsal players on their recent visit to Christchurch.

Cantabrian Ben Sigmund and other team members opened 'Football in the Gap' which is a collaborative project in the central city transforming a vacant space into a mini football pitch open to all. Futsal is a fast-growing indoor version of soccer.

The team also signed autographs in the city the day before beating Tahiti 3-0 at AMI Stadium in the bid to qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil.



Whitebait Festival

More than \$4,000 was raised for the Rebuild Christchurch fund at the West Coast Whitebait Festival, held in Christchurch for the first time on 20 October.

The event in Cranmer Square attracted more than 4,000 visitors who ate their way through 200kg of West Coast whitebait.

The proceeds from a live on-site auction totalling more than \$4,000 are to be donated to Rebuild Christchurch. The highlight was the competitive auction for the festival's 'whitebait wheels' – a classic 1959 Series Two Land Rover.

Organisers hope to make the festival an annual Labour Weekend event for Christchurch.

IceFest success in Christchurch

The first biennial NZ IceFest is being hailed as a success after drawing an estimated 100,000 visitors to Hagley Park.

The month-long event celebrating the New Zealand–Antarctic relationship saw the Hagley Park Events Village transformed into Hagley Park Ice Station.

Highlights included:

- 12,000 ice skaters on the ice-themed outdoor rink
- 10,000 visitors to the STILL LIFE: Inside the Antarctic Huts of Scott and Shackleton experience
- Over 100 featured guests in the programme in the 100th year since Scott's expedition.

The Government, through New Zealand Major Events, has committed \$800,000 to the New Zealand IceFest for its 2012 and 2014 events.

A royal twist to this year's Canterbury A & P Show

Confirmation the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall will be attending the Canterbury A & P Show brings the promise of extra excitement in the Show's 150th year.

On Show Day (16 November) Prince Charles and his wife Camilla will spend time looking around the city and meeting residents before attending the 150th Canterbury A & P Show. The pair will be accompanied by New Zealand Governor-General Sir Jerry Mataparae during their one-day visit to Christchurch.

CERA will also have a presence at the Show. In the Greater Christchurch Recovery Pavilion, CERA will be partnering with other organisations involved in the rebuild to provide progress updates and informative displays. Joining CERA on-site will be representatives and displays from the Christchurch City Council 'Go Ahead' building consents, SCIRT (the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team, CETAS (Canterbury earthquake temporary Accommodation Service), CCDU (the Christchurch Central Development Unit), Rebuild Christchurch the Ministry of Awesome and more.

Earthquake repairs well over the half way point in Selwyn

Earthquake repairs in the Selwyn region are progressing well, and the region's Earthquake Recovery Hubs are managing good rates of house repairs across the district.

Earthquake Recovery (EQR) in the Selwyn region is managed from three Fletcher EQR Hubs - Rolleston, Lincoln and Darfield. These centres combined are working their way through over 6,500 earthquake claims. Of these, almost 4,000 homes have had repair work to their earthquake damaged homes completed. EQR Rolleston Hub Project Manager Richard Vance, says this puts them over the half way mark.

Selwyn residents were worst affected by the September 2010 earthquake as it was centred in the region. This means a lot of residents have been waiting since then to have repair work done to their homes. Richard Vance, says "despite a lot of frustration, there's an overall attitude of relief and people are generally very happy to have work done on their homes."

He says owing to the large number of new homes built

to modern construction standards, particularly in the Rolleston area, the type of work required compared to some other parts of Canterbury is different. A considerable amount of EQR's work in Selwyn has been repairing interior and superficial damage. In the vast majority of cases EQR have used the services of local contractors, the majority being plasterers and painters.

The primary goal for EQR in the region was getting people back into their homes. They are now focussing on fixing properties with over \$50,000 of damage and helping people with special needs. ♻️



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EQR Hub	Total Claims in Hub	Repairs Completed	Percentage of homes completed
Rolleston	2,497	1,822	73%
Lincoln/Darfield	4,096	2,144	52%
Total	6,593	3,966	60%

Community facilities

Kaiapoi Library/Museum/Service Centre

Demolition of the old Kaiapoi Library/ Service Centre is complete. Warren and Mahoney Architects has appointed its sub-consultants for the design of the new building, which includes geotechnical, structural, building service, acoustic and preliminary design considerations. The preliminary design will be completed by the end of October.

Kaiapoi Community Centre

The centre, which hosts the Kaiapoi Service Centre and the Darnley Club Seniors Day Care Service will have its earthquake strengthening work completed by the end of November. This work involves reinforcement and replacement of internal walls and will bring the building up to 100 per cent of New Building Standard (NBS).

The closure of the older, earthquake affected part of the building in June left the Darnley Club and Plunket organisation without an operating base, but the newer part of the building, which was constructed in 2004, remains open.

Woodend Community Centre

The earthquakes have significantly impacted the availability of community spaces and facilities across the district. The Woodend Community Centre extension will provide another space for the greater Waimakariri District Community and works are progressing. The improvements to the building and the extension mean that, once completed, the centre will have two new meeting rooms with a capacity of 75 people each. The rooms will also be able to be combined to provide a single room capacity of 150.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.4 million and the anticipated completion date for the extension work is March 2013.

Kairaki Beach Holiday Park

- Council has agreed to investigate the reinstatement and relocation of the Kairaki Beach Holiday Park within the existing site.
- A working party has been formed to investigate the options and is made up of elected members, camp lessees, staff, campers' representatives, a Pines Beach/ Kairaki Residents' Association representative, as well as a consultant who has experience in camping ground work. The proposal is to come up with a plan to present to Council along with projected costs for its notification. Further updates will be available in future earthquake recovery programme updates.

Regular updates are available in the local papers and on the New Foundations website at newfoundations.org.nz ♻️



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Environment Canterbury is currently running a campaign to raise awareness about protecting the ecological health and recreational value of our waterways.

Construction activities such as painting, working with concrete and excavating can cause pollution of our rivers and streams unless proper control measures are put in place, so the aim is to increase awareness of potential pollutants and how to manage them.

As part of the campaign, Environment Canterbury has been working with Windsor School to help spread the message about keeping pollution out of our waterways during the Christchurch rebuild. Over 100 children aged between six and eight took part in a competition to design a poster encouraging people to keep our rivers and streams clean.

The two lucky winners will have their posters put on the back of a bus to share their message with the whole of Christchurch. Congratulations to seven year olds Molly Rochford and Amelia Olding on their fantastic efforts.

For more information on how you can help prevent pollution, see the website: www.cleanwaterways.org.nz or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/christchurchcleanwaterways ♻️



Winning entry, Molly Rochford, age 7.



Second prize winner, Amelia Olding, age 7.



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