



Greater Christchurch

RECOVERY UPDATE

Summer OF Fun

The greater Christchurch community will be brought even closer together this summer by the range of free 'Fun Days' and community events on offer.

The 'Summer of Fun' community-led Fun Days got underway last month with events in St Albans and New Brighton, and many more will follow in the New Year. More than 30 events are being put on by a number of different community organisations including the Methodist and Anglican churches, YMCA and various residents' associations and groups.

Jolyon White, Social Justice Enabler at Anglican Care, says the aim is to offer a lot of smaller-scale street or block parties and events where people are more likely to make lasting connections.

"We know a lot of people are still struggling out there and feeling isolated. This is about creating 'bumping spaces'; connecting people socially with others in their own neighbourhood and most importantly having fun," says Mr White.

Methodist organiser Jill Hawkey says they are playing the role of facilitating and supporting individual parishes in running the events.

"Some parishes expressed doubts early-on over whether they had the resources to put events together but we have two wonderful co-ordinators in Emma Whittle and

Cassie Welch who are helping bring it all together. Emma and Cassie are helping with arranging things like the bulk hiring of bouncy castles, connecting groups with resources and providing, if you like, a 'How to guide' to putting on an event," says Jill Hawkey.

Although church groups are among those offering summer Fun Days, every event is for the whole community and about bringing people together irrespective of religious affiliation.

The YMCA is also playing a significant role in a number of the community days. It is supplying outdoor adventure equipment which includes a mobile archery set, kayaks, raft-building materials and a set of adventure-based learning equipment.

YMCA Leader of Adventure Development Jenny Jordan says contributing in this way is exactly what the YMCA is about.

"We are a community organisation. YMCA has been in the city for about 150 years, so we see this as what we are about – we want to do this for smaller communities. It's good to be part of it," says Jenny Jordan.

CERA's main role in the Summer of Fun programme is to provide assistance in terms of event management and promotion.

To find out more go to: www.bethere.co.nz or the 'Choice Chch' Facebook page. 🔄



Event co-ordinator Emma Whittle and Methodist organiser Jill Hawkey.



The YMCA's archery set was a big hit at the St Albans Uniting Church Fun Day. Leader Jenny Jordan shows nine-year-old Daniel how it works.



Lacoya Brooker is the proud winner of the ages 5-8 colouring competition.



St Albans Uniting Church member Steve Urquhart displays the 'Man Shed' – a special space for men to work on projects, relax and enjoy each other's company.

More than 100 local residents attended one of the first 'Summer of Fun' community events in Mairehau, last month.

The event was hosted by the St Albans Uniting Church on Nancy Avenue on a perfect summer's night, bringing smiles to the faces of young and old. A bouncy castle, ride-on motorised cars, face painting, games, archery and a pre-school play area kept the children happy and entertained.

Locals who attended the event said they found it easy and stress-free to pop down for a couple of hours to catch up with neighbours and give the kids some fun.



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Christchurch Central Development Unit progresses with acquiring central city land

An important milestone has been reached with the successful completion of three willing-buyer willing-seller commercial property purchases under the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

The three properties purchased are the Craigs House and Lucks Building sites, which will form part of the new Convention Centre Precinct, and the Poplars Apartments site, which will be part of the new East Frame.

Purchase prices will be publicly available when final settlement of the transactions has been completed.

The Crown has agreement in principle with the owners of another 20 properties, and is at an advanced stage of negotiation on a further 50.

Negotiations are under way on 145 properties in total.

The Crown intends to acquire 761 designated properties in the CBD, with the first negotiations being carried out according to the priority of the anchor projects.

Meanwhile, the companies that will implement Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct and the North and East Frames have been announced.

After a rigorous tender process, a multi-company consortium led by Opus has been selected to design these projects, which are priorities in the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan to promote recreation, business growth and central city living for the people of greater Christchurch.

Impact Project Management has been chosen to carry out project management for the projects, and WT Partnership NZ Infrastructure Limited has been selected to carry out quantity surveying. The parties chosen will also provide work on flood management for the river.

Work will begin early in the New Year on concept design for the projects, with physical construction of the projects to commence later in the year.

It is anticipated the projects will take three years to complete. 🔄



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Christchurch City
Playground and Project
Schools' Competition

The Amazing Place Competition!

It is vital that the children of Canterbury have a real say in the future of Christchurch, as a new, amazing city centre comes to life. The Amazing Place competitions, to run in the first half of 2013, are the means for them to do so.

Age-appropriate competitions have been designed for young Cantabrians from early childhood through to Year 13. The competitions range from asking younger children to present their idea of the best playground in the world, to asking teams of senior secondary students for fully costed proposals for exciting central city anchor projects from the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

In the case of the playground competition, children's ideas will directly contribute to the design of the all-ages playground which will be a feature of the north-east part of the Frame. Don Miskell, General Manager of Design and Planning for the Christchurch Central Development Unit, will lead the judging panel.

Schools and early childhood services will receive The Amazing Place competition information pack in January. It will provide all the information service managers, teachers and students need to enter and participate in the competitions. Each competition links to the relevant parts of Te Whāriki, the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, and the National Certificate for Educational Achievement, as appropriate.

Children in early childhood education services and years 1-6 will need to submit their work for judging by 19 April, 2013. Year 7-13 students will have until the end of term two. A major awards ceremony will be held early in term three.

Details about the six competitions can be found at www.theamazingplace.co.nz 🔄

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Vevesi Togiasso (left) credits her Earthquake Support Coordinator Fionna Chapman (right) with getting her family through after the quakes

Praise for the Earthquake Support Coordinator service

The Togiasso family of Bromley feared they might have been forgotten as they waited for emergency repairs to their home after the February earthquake. Now they've got nothing but praise for the Earthquake Support Coordinator who stepped in to help out.

Mr Liai Togiasso and Mrs Vevesi Togiasso live with two of their five adult children. After coming into contact with Pacific Trust Canterbury through an outreach programme in September 2011, they accepted Fionna Chapman as their Earthquake Support Coordinator. She has since made more than a dozen visits to their home to help resolve earthquake issues.

Mrs Vevesi Togiasso says she was worried about a leaking tile roof and a damaged back-door with a broken glass panel. She says the family had been trying to deal with their claim themselves without a lot of success.

"Fionna arranged for the roof to be fixed and the back-door. Then she got the whole house insulated for us and a new heat pump because of our health issues. We are so grateful to her for everything she's done for us - if she hadn't come, I don't think we would ever have all these things fixed," says Mrs Togiasso.

Ms Chapman says she was able to source grants from WINZ, Community Energy Action and charitable trust He Oranga Pounamu for the heatpump and insulation.

"Red Cross grants help out with some of the other expenses. It is just really about knowing where to go and what is available for people," says Ms Chapman.

The family is still waiting for final repairs on the house. Mrs Togiasso says she hopes it will be their turn soon but they can be more patient about it now as the most urgent things have been sorted. 🌟

**Earthquake support coordinators are available to assist individuals and families who have been directly affected by the earthquake.
Phone: 0800 777 846.**

There are about 60 professional Earthquake Support Coordinators in greater Christchurch who come from a range of organisations – both government and non-government. To-date they've assisted more than 6,000 households.

By calling 0800 777 846 you can also be connected with the Canterbury Support Line where counselling and support are available.



Roger Sutton
CERA Chief Executive

Christmas/summer is a wonderful time to reconnect with family and friends, in the great Canterbury weather. I'm hoping that people will have the chance for some rest and relaxation, despite the difficulties of damaged homes and detours.

It's really heartening to see fewer unemployed young people in Canterbury in the latest figures. The September 2012 quarter shows 14.3 per cent of our 15 – 24 year olds are unemployed compared to 18.6 per cent in the previous quarter – while that rate is still way too high, at least it's moving in the right direction.

It's also good to hear Canterbury leads the way in optimism. A net 36 per cent of households expect mainly good economic times in the year ahead.

All over the area we're hearing stories about people recommitting to the city. People like car dealer Paul Kelly who was having difficulty getting adequate insurance payouts. Now he's just completed a new nearly 7,000 square metre office and retail building on Moorhouse Avenue that is fully tenanted, and another at 3,400 square metres is underway. Both buildings exceed the latest seismic safety standards, feature great energy/green initiatives and also provide much needed city office, retail and car parking space.

Paul Kelly says the people of Canterbury who have bought cars off him helped pay for those buildings and he felt it was his social responsibility to keep his money in Christchurch.

It's also worth mentioning the new 7,500 square metre Christchurch Central police station on St Asaph Street that went up in around eight months and is a great milestone for the police and for the central city.

CERA is continuing to work with EQC and insurance companies to remove roadblocks to the rebuild and it's positive that nearly all the major insurers have now said they will get all greater Christchurch homes repaired or rebuilt by the end of 2015 to mid-2016.

Fixing our infrastructure (roads, fresh water, wastewater and storm water networks; and other infrastructure such as bridges and retaining walls) is a huge task involving about 1,700 people working in the field, designing, estimating, managing and investigating assets.

The SCIRT rebuild funded by central government and the Christchurch City Council is on schedule to finish by the end of 2016. SCIRT had about \$350 million in design finalised through to the end of last year (2012) which will enable it to undertake critical projects in the right order.

I'm going into 2013 with a refreshed drive to help greater Christchurch recover. There are plenty of projects that fill me with enthusiasm as I see great ideas coming to fruition and more pieces of our puzzle fitting together.

Look after your family, friends and neighbours. I wish you the best for the upcoming year – Kia Kaha! 🌟

Roger Sutton

Summer OF Fun

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

A variety of activities from bouncy castles to archery, face painting to balloon animals. Find out event times and what's on offer at bethere.co.nz

JANUARY

LOCATION	DATE
New Brighton Creative Quarter	Sat 5
St Luke's Anglican Church, 212 Pine Ave, South Brighton	Wed 16
St Stephen's Methodist Church, 376 Yaldhurst Rd, Russley	Sat 19
Opawa Community Church, 158 Opawa Rd, Opawa	Sat 19
New Brighton Creative Quarter	Sat 19
St Paul's Church, West Melton Rd, West Melton	Sun 20
Wainoni Methodist Church, 878 Avonside Drive, Wainoni	Wed 23
St Andrews Anglican Church, 109 Marriotts Road, North New Brighton	Wed 23
St Mark's Methodist Church, Cnr Barrington & Somerfield Streets, Somerfield	Sat 26
Linwood Union Church, 378 Linwood Avenue, Linwood	Sun 26

FEBRUARY

LOCATION	DATE
St Anne's Anglican Church, 7 Wilsons Rd, St Martins (may move to St Marks in Opawa)	Sat 2
St Columba's Anglican Church, 452 Main South Road, Hornby	Wed 6
St Mary's Anglican Church, Church Lane Merivale	Sat 9
St Luke's Halswell Union Church, 438 Halswell Rd, Halswell	Sat 9
St David's Union, Cust	Sun 10
St Nicholas Church, 231 Barrington Street, Barrington	Sun 10
St Barnabas' Church, 8 Tui St, Fendalton	Sun 10
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 124 Avonside Drive, Linwood	Sun 10
St James' Church, 69 Riccarton Rd, Riccarton	Tues 12
New Brighton Union, Corner of Union & Collingwood Streets, New Brighton	Sat 16
Mt. Pleasant School, Major Hornbrook Road, Mt. Pleasant	Sat 16
Rangiora Methodist Church, 176 King Street, Rangiora	Sun 17
Christchurch North Methodist Church, 68 Harewood Road, Papanui	Sat 23
Burwood Community Picnic, Clare Park, Burwood	Sat 23
St Augustine's Anglican Church, 5 Cracroft Terrace, Cashmere	Sat 23
Woodham Park, Linwood	Sun 24

MARCH

LOCATION	DATE
St Silas's Anglican Church, 237 Main North Rd, Redwood	Fri 1
St Martin's Anglican Church, 50 Lincoln Road, Spreydon	Sat 2
Burwood Park, Dallington	Sat 9
St Faith's Anglican Church, 46 Hawke St, New Brighton	Sat 16
Avondale Park, Avondale	Sat 23
St Timothy's Anglican Church, 46 Kendal Avenue, Burnside	Sat 23
Parklands Reserve, Parklands	Sat 30

The Summer of Fun is part of a series of community-led events happening across greater Christchurch this summer.

More events will be added, visit www.bethere.co.nz for more information.



Moves to preserve established, healthy vegetation in the residential red zone

A programme is under way to retain some of the established trees and vegetation in the residential red zone, as part of the ongoing property clearance process.

With over 1,300 properties cleared so far, CERA supports keeping specific indigenous trees and shrubs, and established healthy trees throughout the residential red zone, where that is practical and cost effective. To help with this, CERA has developed a framework which sets out criteria on what vegetation is suitable to keep, remove or transplant.

Manager, Land Recovery Mathew Clark, says future plans for Crown owned residential red zone land are yet to be made, but in the meantime work is being done to preserve some of the established vegetation so as not to preclude options for the future.

"Retaining certain trees and shrubs will also help the residential red zones to look better, reduce dust and provide shelter. Unfortunately, it's not realistic or cost-effective to keep and maintain all vegetation," says Mr Clark.

Vegetation that is not being retained will be removed during the property clearance process, after the built structures have been removed. Where relocating plants and trees is deemed suitable and economically viable, they will be professionally removed. There may also be opportunities for community groups to apply to CERA for permission to remove and transplant small shrubs and other garden plants. Property owners are encouraged to remove special trees



and shrubs right up until their settlement date with the Crown.

Spokesman for the Avon-Ōtākaro Network (AvON) Evan Smith, says the group recognises the importance of retaining vegetation where possible but says ongoing community dialogue is vital.

"AvON wants the Avon River red zone to become an ecological and recreational reserve – with restored native habitats, parkland and recreation for all," says Mr Smith.

CERA is also working with insurance company project management offices who are involved in clearing properties in the residential red zone to preserve vegetation wherever practical during demolition work. ♻️

Sage words on building stronger communities in the greater Christchurch rebuild

Community groups, along with local and central government representatives, received some useful tools from international expert in communities, Jim Diers, during a series of free workshops in Christchurch last month.

Jim Diers has spent 37 years working on strengthening communities in the United States. He's also helped to rebuild communities all over the world including in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and Kobe, Japan after its devastating earthquake.

The author and internationally recognised expert says his passion is getting people engaged with their communities and in the decisions that affect their lives.

"There is no substitute for community when it comes to preventing crime, responding to disasters, enhancing our

health and happiness, caring for one another and our planet, creating a vibrant democracy, and advancing social justice."

Jim Diers has identified some key steps to building a sense of community. Among them are to encourage a common identity and to build neighbourhoods and communities on a manageable scale – rather than at a city-wide level. He also encourages creating opportunities and gathering places for people to come together.

Mr Diers says greater Christchurch is heading in the right direction with community-led initiatives such as the Re:START pop-up mall, Gap Fillers and Life in Vacant Spaces as well as the plethora of community-generated fun activities on offer over the summer.

"The challenge now is to find out how to utilise that same energy on a larger scale. That usually requires a shift of focus from authorities towards better utilising community assets and from the community in moving on from blaming government – to taking a share of the responsibility," says Mr Diers.

According to Mr Diers, even simple things like having fun, celebrating success and recognising caring neighbours are valuable in building community. He stresses the importance of partnerships between all parties involved in the recovery – all the way through to hobby, cultural, residents and sporting groups which he believes have a lot to offer in making a safer, stronger greater Christchurch. ♻️



Jim Diers on his recent trip to Christchurch

Have your say on transport planning for central Christchurch

Submissions can be made until the first of February on An Accessible City, the new draft transport chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

The draft transport chapter is focused on how people travel into and around the city, and how the streets will look as the central city redevelops.

The draft chapter includes big-picture information on:

- future road layouts
- providing for the needs of all – including pedestrians, cycles, public transport and private vehicles
- speed zones and streetscapes
- parking
- service vehicle requirements

CERA would like your ideas about the draft transport plan. You have until 1 February 2013 to gather your thoughts and get them to us. This can be done either via the CCDU website: www.ccd.govt.nz, or ring our contact centre **0800 RING CERA** (0800 7464 2372) and we'll post a form out to you. You can see copies of the plan at Christchurch City Council library/service centres.

Urban Village deadline draws near

The Breathe - New Urban Village design and build competition has had a positive response from the design and development community. There have been registrations of interest from all around the world although the strongest interest has come from within New Zealand.

Competition organisers are not expecting every registration to result in a submission, but are very happy with the response so far. Design proposals must be submitted by 15 January 2013. They will be judged by a local and international panel that includes Kevin McCloud of Grand Designs.

For more information, please visit www.newurbanvillage.org.nz

Economic Recovery Programme launched

A roadmap for the economic recovery of greater Christchurch over the next few years has been launched.

The Economic Recovery Programme for greater Christchurch sets out a strategic work programme of 20 high-priority projects that are the most important for economic recovery.

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee, says public and private investment in the 20 projects is estimated at \$20 to \$30 billion.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Canterbury to create a new, better and enduring business environment."

CERA is also compiling the monthly Canterbury Economic Recovery Dashboard to provide a snapshot of how the region's recovery is progressing.

"The latest economic data shows a continuation of recent positive trends which have revealed Canterbury to be the fastest growing region in New Zealand," says Mr Brownlee.

To see the full Economic Recovery Programme and Economic Recovery Dashboard, go to: www.cera.govt.nz

SCIRT Progress Statistics

Completed

169	projects totalling \$88.5 million
19.4km	fresh water pipe laid
90.8km	wastewater pipe laid
5.8km	stormwater pipe laid
905km	(more than half) of the 1610 km wastewater network needing assessment (over 100 mm diameter) completed using CCTV/other assessment
780km	of 1080 km (four fifths) of stormwater network needing assessment (over 100 mm diameter) completed using CCTV/other assessment
126,348	square metres road pavement laid
1,028	square metres of retaining walls repaired

In pipeline

92	projects totalling \$258 million under construction
40	projects totalling \$195 million being estimated
187	projects totalling \$1 billion being designed
\$1.7 billion	is the total value of work in train within the rebuild programme



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UPDATE FROM THE STRONGER CHRISTCHURCH INFRASTRUCTURE REBUILD TEAM (SCIRT)

Vital fresh water projects come to fruition

A handful of SCIRT fresh water projects have come on stream in time for the hot weather.

In New Brighton, a new fresh water station in Rawhiti Domain began pumping water to residents from its three new wells last month, ahead of schedule. Built by SCIRT delivery team City Care, it will supply most of New Brighton with high quality, artesian well water as well as contributing to the city's supply. There is room for another two wells.

Meanwhile, on both Huntsbury and Cashmere Hills, new reservoirs which replace earthquake-damaged structures, have filled with water in recent weeks.

Huntsbury Avenue's two reservoirs replace one large, 35,000 cubic metre tank. The first 6,000 cubic metre reservoir and new pump station were completed a year ago. The second reservoir with 7,000 cubic metres capacity was filled in recent weeks. Landscaping – grassing the area between the two - will see the project completed by the end of February.

The project by SCIRT delivery team Fulton Hogan has won an award from the concrete industry as a good example of reusing a valuable resource, minimising wastage and limiting truck movement.

Further west, Victoria Park dog walkers and fans of the Port Hills' tracks will soon have a quiet reservoir site, with noisy work limited to earth movements, then replanting into autumn. SCIRT delivery team MacDow has made good progress with the new reservoir. The 500 cubic metre reservoir almost doubles the capacity of the three older tanks. The extra capacity also provides back-up for rural fire-fighting in the Port Hills. ♻️



Farrukh Gondal, McConnell Dowell Project Engineer, and Andrew Stewart, SCIRT Civil Engineer, at Victoria Park's new reservoir on Cashmere, last month

UPDATE FROM THE EARTHQUAKE COMMISSION

EQC Canterbury payments top \$4 billion

Payments by EQC for Canterbury earthquake damage have topped \$4 billion, with more than \$870 million spent to pay contractors, suppliers and people working on the Canterbury Home Repair Programme.

The \$4 billion landmark was reached after a year in which EQC put in place systems and completed a complex investigation phase that is essential to getting claims settled and homes repaired.

Chief Executive Ian Simpson says the pace of claim settlements will accelerate.

"With a good chunk of the hard graft behind us, we can look forward to year of payments and repairs," he says.

TC3 drilling for foundation repairs is all but completed – three months ahead of schedule – and a smaller drilling programme starting now for land damage claims will be complete before mid-year.

By the end of 2013, EQC will have:

- made an over-cap/under-cap decision on all building claims where this is needed
- paid out all building claims worth less than \$15,000
- finished the high-priority repairs in the Canterbury Home Repair Programme (those over \$50,000 damage)
- completed drilling in TC3 for buildings with foundation damage and for land damage claims

- made on-site assessments for all flat land damage claims
- settled all Port Hills land damage claims

"With the bulk of building damage assessments out of the way at the end of 2011 we put considerable effort in 2012 into getting the necessary technical information in TC3, establishing the new claims processing centre in Hamilton, and working with the private insurers to resolve and streamline the apportionment of claims between us," Mr Simpson says.

"This will pay off in 2013 as the number of claims settled continues to rise."

Claim settlements to date:

- Total pay-out: \$4 billion (excluding GST)
- Building settlements (cash payments and repairs): \$3.6 billion
- Contents: \$376 million
- Land: \$19 million
- Claims closed: 108,605 ♻️

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ECan keeps a watchful eye on summer water quality

Environment Canterbury started monitoring water quality at 96 popular swimming spots throughout the region, from the middle of November. Weekly tests will continue until early March 2013.

The water samples are tested for E.coli in fresh water and enterococci in sea water which indicate the potential for other sickness causing bacteria that can be dangerous for humans, stock and dogs. The results are updated on the Environment Canterbury website - <http://maps.ecan.govt.nz/WaterQuality> and if testing indicates a swimming area is unsafe, a warning will be posted on the website and Facebook page, as well as on signs erected at the site.

The sites with the best water quality for swimming and other water recreation are marked with a blue dot on the swimming water quality map. They include Woodend, Waikuku and Spencerville beaches, Taylors Mistake, Pigeon Bay, Lake Clearwater and Lake Camp. Many other sites are graded as good for swimming with a green spot on the map.

However, even good swimming sites should be avoided during or shortly after heavy rainfall, which can wash contaminants off roadways, gutters and farmed land into the river or sea and temporarily affect the water quality.

It is also important to remember that there has been earthquake damage to sewer pipes and pump stations in and around Christchurch. While water at all waterways and beaches is back to pre-earthquake quality there are likely to be bacteria and viruses in sediments of the rivers and estuary so care needs to be taken if sediment is disturbed during recreational activities.

If you come into contact with disturbed sediments, you should clean yourself off as soon as possible. It's also a



good idea to use hand sanitizer to clean your hands after getting out. Direct contact with the Avon/Otākaro and Heathcote/Ōpāwaho rivers is not encouraged.

More information can be found at: <http://ecan.govt.nz/services/online-services/monitoring/Pages/water-contamination-christchurch-post-22-feb-2011-earthquake.aspx>

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Digging a new look at Christmas

Christchurch construction contractors embraced a bit of the holiday spirit by dressing up their diggers for the benefit of the Christchurch City Mission.

If they wished to vote for the best-dressed digger, excavator, crane or truck, members of the public first had to donate food to the Mission for its Christmas dinner.

The contractors taking part were Ceres New Zealand, Ward Demolition, Smith Crane & Construction, Nikau Contractors Ltd and Protranz Earthmoving Ltd. No more than \$100 was to be spent to 'Xmas-up' each rig, with no limit put on imagination.



Flashmob for an Accessible city

More than 150 people of all ages gathered at Re:START Mall on 2 December for a Flashmob to mark the launch of the Accessible Christchurch Every Body Every Where Campaign.

The combination of able-bodied and disabled dancers highlighted the importance of connecting people in the new Christchurch central city.

Organisers say the campaign aims to make the new Christchurch the best and most accessible place on the planet for everybody; children, youth, elderly and those with disabilities.

www.facebook.com/AccessibleChristchurch



A Christmas boost for Kaiapoi retailers

Kaiapoi retailers are pleased with the results of a Christmas shopping campaign aimed at encouraging locals to reverse the post-quake trend and shop locally.

Around 50 businesses took part in the Kaiapoi Christmas Shopping Spree promotional campaign, which attracted over 6,000 entries and 23 winners. A \$10,000 grant was provided by the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust, while the businesses involved supplied financial contributions and vouchers.



Kaiapoi Promotions Association chairman Neil Price (right) and coordinator Jane Burke (left) with Andrew Palmer, owner of New World Kaiapoi, one of the businesses participating in the Kaiapoi Christmas Shopping Spree promotion.

It is estimated that around 20 per cent of Kaiapoi businesses either closed or relocated following the earthquakes, with other businesses losing up to 50 per cent of their trade.

"Kaiapoi was hit extremely hard by the September 2010 quake, losing a number of key retailers and devastating large areas of the town, and as a result many locals were forced to go elsewhere for their shopping. However Kaiapoi is back to full operation, with major key retailers such as the supermarket back in business, and we're now urging our local community to revert to their pre-quake habits and shop locally," says Kaiapoi Promotions Association chairperson Neil Price.

The promotion is considered a way for businesses to give something back to their loyal customers throughout the year and encourage new ones to shop in Kaiapoi.

The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust has set aside up to \$140,000 towards the revitalisation of earthquake-affected suburban precincts, with the funding being distributed through Recover Canterbury. Any other suburban business groups interested in this initiative can contact Recover Canterbury on 0800 50 50 96 or at www.recovercanterbury.co.nz

UPDATE FROM THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL



The Waimakariri District Council's Earthquake Recovery Programme is progressing and regular updates are available in the local papers and on the New Foundations website at www.newfoundations.org.nz

Kaiapoi Riverbank Redevelopment

The Waimakariri District Council is seeking feedback on its proposed plans for the Kaiapoi Recreation Precinct – one of five precinct areas that will make up the new Kaiapoi Riverbank Redevelopment.

Preliminary plans for the Recreation Precinct were inspired by feedback from the community following consultation in April 2012. They were approved by the Kaiapoi Community Board in November and need to be refined further before they are implemented in 2013.

The Recreation Precinct has been designed with a marine theme and key elements include a redesigned plaza area, youth space including a half basketball court, toilet facilities and a junior playground and skate park.

Council's team worked closely with user groups on the design and layout of the Precinct, with Kaiapoi High School and Kaiapoi North School students committing significant time to the development of the plans - particularly the skate park.

One element of the proposed plans, the clock tower, has been impacted by an increase in costs that the Council and the Kaiapoi Community Board had not previously anticipated. These costs will be available in early 2013 for further discussion. ♻️



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UPDATE FROM THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Free resource efficiency advice for commercial building designs

Free expert consultancy advice for commercial building designs is available for developers wanting to build resource efficient buildings in Christchurch.

The Christchurch City Council, Christchurch Agency for Energy (CAfE) and the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority (EECA) are working together to offer free consultancy advice to help developers on their building designs in regard to energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction and water efficiency.

The Council's Target Sustainability Services offer selected developers of new commercial builds free consultancy advice on their concept designs in regards to:

- Design for the practical collection of waste and recyclables within and from the building
- Waste reduction during construction
- Water efficiency

The Council also offers selected commercial tenants occupying new commercial buildings free consultancy on reducing waste and being energy and water efficient, during the fit out and operation of their business.

CAfE offers approved commercial new build projects free energy efficiency and renewable energy consultancy at the building concept design stage. For more information visit www.cafe.gen.nz/energyfirst

EECA Business offers post-concept design energy efficiency advice grants on the design process, commissioning a new building and post-occupation audit. For more information visit www.eecabusiness.govt.nz

For more information, and to apply for these free services go to www.target sustainability.co.nz ♻️



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UPDATE FROM THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning for growth in Selwyn

Selwyn District has been the fastest growing local authority area in New Zealand for some time. Following the Canterbury earthquakes this trend increased. By 2026, the population in Selwyn is expected to increase by almost 30 per cent (to 49,675). To accommodate this growth and ensure the district's towns can cope with this influx, careful planning of the urban areas is well underway.

In 2012, the Selwyn District Council has:

- rezoned large areas for residential development in Lincoln and Rolleston. The land has the potential for approximately 8,800 sections over the next 30 years
- consented the development of around 1,260 sections in Rolleston over the past few months, with many of these now under construction and selling. Another 300 are currently in the consenting phase
- consented the development of over 500 sections in Lincoln over the past few months and over 70 are currently in the consenting phase. Many of these have sold and others are under construction
- consented 588 new sections in West Melton, which are selling well

The Council is also in the process of finalising zone change plans in Prebbleton to enable approximately 650 new sections to be developed. Significant planning for growth is being undertaken in Darfield.

An important part of the residential planning is to ensure those living in the district have access to recreational areas and facilities. Plans for a significant recreational area in Rolleston have always been part of the town's Master Plan. However, owing to the rapid growth of the town following the quakes, the Council accelerated the timing of development to meet the increasing demand. The first stage of the newly named Foster Recreation Park is underway with the construction of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

The Foster Recreation Park combines indoor and outdoor sports facilities at a centrally positioned site. The precinct will comprise an indoor pool, indoor stadium, sports club headquarters, community park, sports fields and outdoor courts, and may include a high school and other recreation areas. The Council is currently seeking the public's suggestions for the park.

Selwyn District Mayor Kelvin Coe hopes the park will be the "heart" of Rolleston and will contribute significantly to the enjoyment and lifestyle of residents and visitors. ♻️



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