



GREATER CHRISTCHURCH Recovery Update

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Concept design for the new centre by Perry Royal. Shane Murdoch says the vision is for the building to be a child-centred, learning and living environment, free from the 'tyranny' of right angles and other things that get in the way of good care.

Amazing effort a credit to the young children of Canterbury

Almost 400 children from Canterbury pre-schools and primary schools gathered at the Geodome in Hagley Park last month for the gala prizegiving of the BNZ Amazing Place Playground Competition, run by the Christchurch Central Development Unit.

Winners were announced in the playground design categories for Years 1 to 6 and early childhood education.

Arguably the biggest honour went to a group of four Year 6 students from Selwyn House School. Their winning entry paid tribute to the late children's author Margaret Mahy and the new playground to be built in the central city's East Frame will now also bear her name.

See our special Amazing Place insert for more on the winning entries in the Playground Competition or go to: www.theamazingplace.co.nz

Meanwhile, older students (Years 7 to 13) are still working on their entries for the BNZ Amazing Place City Project Competition which closes in July.



Hundreds enjoyed the big occasion at the Amazing Place prizegiving on 23 May 2013.

A new vision for Cholmondeley: partnerships forge the way forward

The devastating earthquake of 22 February 2011 could have marked the end for the Cholmondeley Children's Home but its board and the greater Christchurch community and businesses were having none of it.

More than 25,000 children have been cared for at the Governors Bay home since it was established in 1925. The home, which is being legally renamed the Cholmondeley Children's Centre, offers short-term care to children referred either by social agencies or directly by families in need of respite care. The original brick homestead was demolished in early 2012 but plans have been drawn up for a purpose-built replacement.

General Manager Shane Murdoch says after losing the main building, the centre came to an arrangement with nearby Living Springs Camp so that the children are housed at the camp, while the Governors Bay base is used for education and administration.

"We had already done some thinking and financial restructuring in 2010. The quakes just meant we had to re-prioritise some of those plans. We wanted a whole new way of learning here, centred on adventure-based learning," says Shane Murdoch.

The post-earthquake environment not only requires funding but strategic and business expertise. That's where companies such as PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and Ballantynes come in. PwC partner Malcolm Hudson and

Ballantynes Executive Director Richard Ballantyne both have a long personal association with the centre and are freely offering their business skills and knowledge.

Cholmondeley's Shane Murdoch is grateful for the support and guidance.

"We tend to get caught up in the day-to-day which is helping families in need. The advice and expertise of people like Malcolm and Richard and their organisations is really key. Without that, I think we'd struggle."

Malcolm Hudson says PwC local staff regularly help out at sausage sizzles and other fundraisers, and take part in working bees at Cholmondeley. The business also sponsors a range of events such as Canterbury's Biggest Morning Tea.

PwC's international and local networks fundraised \$137,000 for Cholmondeley after the February 2011 earthquake.

"Cholmondeley is a very easy charity to get our staff involved with as it's about children and families in need. It gives staff an opportunity to go out and do something in the community which they are part of.

"If just one child is to benefit from our support and have a better life, that's the difference we're looking for," says Malcolm Hudson.

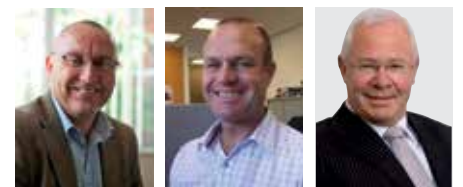
Ballantynes helps in a range of ways including by donating the proceeds of its Christmas window and other fundraisers to the centre.

"It's very easy to get caught up in it as it's for the children and, especially after I went into semi-retirement, I wanted to do more to help," says Richard Ballantyne. "The earthquakes put the home in a precarious position, plus demand has risen for Cholmondeley's services, particularly this year when there is more stress in the community."

Malcolm Hudson and Richard Ballantyne are also part of a small team dedicated to fundraising the \$4 million funding shortfall between the projected costs of the rebuild and the insurance pay-out.

Cholmondeley rebuild facts

- Rebuild fundraising target: \$4 million
- Annual operating costs: Approximately \$1.9 million
- Projected rebuild start date: November 2013
- Projected rebuild completion date: November 2014.



Left to right Shane Murdoch, Malcolm Hudson, Richard Ballantyne.

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Hon Gerry Brownlee
Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

Recently, we celebrated two entirely different events, one a key component of the central city rebuild and the other a core community activity. Separately and together these events demonstrated the role a diverse range of communities throughout greater Christchurch are playing in this recovery.

The first event was the announcement late last month of the winners of the Amazing Place Playground Competition. Over 150 schools throughout Canterbury have entered either the Playground Competition, for early childhood and primary school aged children up to Year 6, or the City Project Competition, for Years 7 to 13. This is a fantastic response.

The entries were diverse, colourful and incredibly well-thought out, not a surprise perhaps when you remember that the concepts submitted were designed by those who would be using the playground once completed, our children.

Anyone enjoying the pleasure of seeing the displays of competition entries cannot help but feel positive about the future of our city, motivated to work to ensure the city we rebuild for these children is the best it can be, and positive about the future as these children become the city leaders of the future.

My congratulations to those schools who submitted the winning entries, you can feel justifiably proud of your work and know that it will bear the name of you and your schools for a very, very long time.

The second event was a celebration of the Summer of Fun series and the launch of a community events trailer. The Summer of Fun programme of community events first ran over the 2011-2012 summer school holidays. I requested CERA develop the programme in late 2011, to give communities a chance to regroup following a difficult few months of seismic activity, dislocation and a cold winter.

The Summer of Fun programme ran again over the 2012-2013 school holiday period but with greater engagement from community groups in the organisation of the events. A natural outcome has been the development of the community events trailer - a practical tool available to groups to assist them develop events on behalf of the people in their communities.

I'd like to thank the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust which part-funded the Summer of Fun programme and has funded the construction of the trailer.

Closely linked is an initiative which will sit alongside the trailer and assist to fund these events. Christchurch District Rotary has established the Rotary Neighbourhood Project Fund to fund small and medium sized neighbourhood level initiatives. I'd like to thank Rotary for recognising the importance of community-based and community-led events in the recovery of communities.

These two events are another demonstration of how we as individuals and as communities can assist to lead our recovery efforts. I congratulate everyone involved in the Amazing Place competitions, and in the Summer of Fun programme. ♻️

Gerry Brownlee



The Watermark project demonstrates techniques used to improve the health of the river. Once the works are completed, CERA will launch an innovative 'txt an answer' campaign to get community feedback on specific elements in Watermark. This information will be used to guide the design of the remainder of the Precinct. © EOS Ecology

Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct – restoring the heart of the river

The restoration and improvement of the Ōtākaro/Avon River's ecology, water quality and biodiversity are key priorities in Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct – the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan's first anchor project to get off the ground.

The Precinct traces the river's winding path through the central city, covering 3.2 kilometres from Christchurch Hospital to Fitzgerald Avenue. It will be a world-class waterfront amenity that helps to spark the growth of a central city in which people and businesses can thrive.

Christchurch-based firm EOS Ecology is part of Team Inaka (meaning whitebait), the extensive project team making Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct a reality. EOS Ecology Principal Scientist Shelley McMurtrie says the people of Christchurch have made it clear the health of the Ōtākaro/Avon River is a priority in a clean, green city.

However, Shelley McMurtrie says even before the earthquakes, the river was in decline. For example, trout spawning through the CBD had dropped by about 80 per cent in 20 years and some aquatic insects were locally extinct.

"The river's been in insidious decline for many, many years – exacerbated by the earthquakes in terms of silt and liquefaction sand getting in. Ironically, this [series of earthquakes] has given us a once in a lifetime opportunity to help restore the river – we are never going to get this chance again."

Shelley McMurtrie says the message coming through from consultation such as Share an Idea is that people want to



© EOS Ecology

hear native birdsong again in the city – the sounds of tui and bellbird – and to see fantails flitting around as they are sitting by the river eating lunch.

She says the key to making this happen is to support the restoration of the wider ecosystem.

The plan to restore the river's ecology:

- **Create native plant stepping stone sanctuaries.** Sanctuaries planted with native vegetation such as flax, cabbage trees and kahikatea, at intervals along the riverbank, will provide nectar-bearing plants and habitat for native birds, and create riparian zones for invertebrates (winged and aquatic insects).

- **Create stepping stone sanctuaries for fish and aquatic insects.**

The riverbed in the sanctuaries will be cleared of silt and the gravels cleaned. The river's channel will be narrowed in places. Faster flowing water and planted low berms will help to keep these areas clean of silt. Logs, boulders and plants along the banks, and in the channel, will vary the environment. The result will be better habitat for fish (including natives such as bullies, eels and inaka) and aquatic insects. It will also offer more exciting boating experiences.

A similar method will be used to narrow and vary parts of the slower-flowing areas between the stepping stone sanctuaries. Areas will also be created along the river to trap sediment and protect downstream environments.

- **Manage water quality.**

Narrowing the river and increasing water speed in places will help the river clean itself. Planning for the East Frame also includes treatment of stormwater runoff to improve water quality. But because of the large size of the Avon catchment, treatment of stormwater runoff from key areas in the wider catchment is also needed.

New planting and landscaping will combine the best of native planting with existing large character trees. With boardwalks and terracing, people will also be able to get close to the river at intervals along the riverbanks.

The Watermark project, which began in late March 2013 and is scheduled to finish this month, is the first stage of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct. Located downstream from the Antigua Boatsheds, it provides a snapshot of how some elements of the Precinct could look and feel. ♻️

IAG rebuild/repair projections

Based on current known claims, IAG's residential rebuild and repair programme involves 2,773 rebuilds and major repairs. The insurance company is aiming to complete them by December 2015.

Although rebuilds and repairs have been carried out by the organisation since late 2010, IAG last year programmed all remaining claims into the eight quarters of 2013 and 2014. The last rebuild or repair is scheduled to start no later than the last quarter of 2014.

So far, about 55 per cent of IAG's residential over-cap claims have been settled or are in progress. Over 1,850 customers have moved into new homes that IAG has helped them build, purchase or repair.

The other 45 per cent of residential over-cap claims are queued in the Rebuild and Repair Programme. IAG* has released details of that programme below. **Figures corrected as at 11 June 2013.**

Year	Hills	Rural	Outside Zones	TC1	TC2	TC3	Quarterly Totals
2013	Q1 (Jan – Mar)	46	3	2	91	333	475
	Q2 (Apr – Jun)	108	8	1	101	241	459
	Q3 (Jul – Sept)	97	7	2	2	96	363
	Q4 (Oct – Dec)	51	8	1	2	110	349
Projected total rebuilds/repairs 2013: 1,646							
2014	Q5 (Jan – Mar)	1		1	3	323	328
	Q6 (Apr – Jun)					289	289
	Q7 (Jul – Sept)	1				275	276
	Q8 (Oct – Dec)	1			2	231	234
Projected total rebuilds/repairs 2014: 1,127							
TOTAL REBUILDS/REPAIRS: 2,773							

* IAG trades under the NZI, AMI** and State Insurance brands, and underwrites general insurance business for ASB, BNZ and the Co-operative Bank.
 ** AMI's earthquake claims are managed by Southern Response.

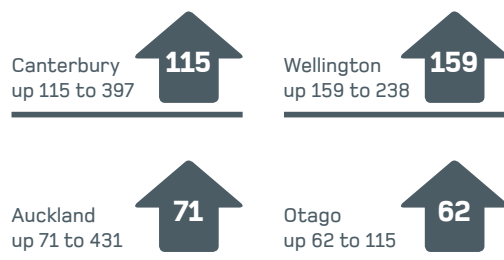
Building consents – the latest numbers

The most recent Statistics New Zealand figures show 1,755 new residential dwellings were consented in New Zealand in April 2013 – making that a five year monthly high.

Canterbury earthquake-related building consents in April 2013 were worth \$52 million. Of this, \$27 million was residential work, \$25 million non-residential work, and \$0.2 million non-building work. Demolitions and seismic strengthening work are excluded.

(Source: Statistics NZ)

Regional increases in the number of new dwellings in April 2013, compared with April 2012, were:



Roger Sutton
CERA Chief Executive

With our first snowfall of the winter behind us it's timely to remember that there are a lot of people still living in very damaged houses right across the Canterbury region.

While we know that EQC has already installed over 18,000 home heating systems, it is not realistic to imagine that everyone will be as warm and dry as they should be.

If you or your family or your neighbours need help warming a home please contact Community Energy Action. This charitable trust can offer advice about subsidies for insulation and heating, as well as other advice. The website www.cera.co.nz is an excellent place to start.

The Red Cross is another fantastic organisation that is committed to helping Cantabrians. It offers a range of grants and support, and its website is www.redcross.org.nz

On my recent trip to Geneva, I was reminded just how important it is to have a range of organisations like this in our community to ensure that help is on hand on a variety of levels.

I was attending a United Nations Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction. That was fascinating as it was attended by people from all over the world – people who have experience in all types of disasters and disaster recovery programmes.

Despite the level of disaster and the tragedy each one brings, what I was happy to be reminded of is that it is the communities themselves that ensure their own survival. And while we have these big umbrella organisations like CERA, these are just the enabling forces to help people recover in the way that is best for their own situation.

The Residential Advisory Service that was launched last month is a grass roots example of that. We took a fair bit of flack from some quarters about not having an advocacy service, and not setting a service up fast enough. But after just two weeks of the service going live, it's clearly proving the right model.

And the driving force behind the decision about what kind of service to provide was the information from the key community groups, like CanCERN, which offered advice about what really was the best way for the community to get the help it needs.

In this case, it was decided that the majority of people want to be empowered rather than have their situations taken completely out of their hands. So far, 91 people are using the service and I am certain they are getting the best advice – in some cases, it will be advice that they may not have had before simply because they weren't sure where to go or who to ask.

That's why it is important to keep an eye on neighbours and friends this winter. It may be as simple as getting warmer curtains through the Community Energy Action curtain bank that make a difference to one family, or it might be a more complex situation.

Help is on hand and, as resilient as we are, no-one should shy away from asking for that all important support.

First 'new builds' for Housing New Zealand under construction



Concept design for a new four-bedroom house to be built in Avonside for Housing New Zealand by Consortium Construction.

Housing New Zealand has started on the first of its planned 700 new houses to be built in greater Christchurch.

Earthquake Recovery Programme Manager Andrew Booker said it was incredibly satisfying to see the first houses under construction.

"Things are happening here and the momentum will continue to grow."

The first houses comprise three two-bedroom units on Housing New Zealand property in Wilding Street, St Martins which are being built by local company Miles Construction.

"We are currently completing preliminary work for a mix of two-, three- and four-bedroom houses in several suburbs in Christchurch. Each is expected to take up to four months to complete, ready for tenants."

At the same time, some of the Housing New Zealand houses in the residential red zone that are in good condition and need minimal repairs will be relocated to Housing New Zealand sites where the existing house has been demolished because of quake damage. This work is being done with Christchurch contractor Falcon Construction.

Housing New Zealand is also partnering with Awatea Living Ltd and Legacy Corporation on the final designs for the first new Christchurch inner city apartments within the four avenues. Demolition of the existing buildings on the Manchester Street property will be completed by the first week in June. ♻️



New housing well underway

Foundation work on the Rangers Park housing development in Linwood is underway and making good use of technical guidance issued by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

The 40 new houses consist of a mix of two-, three- and four-bedroom standalone houses as well as some higher-density town houses. They will initially be managed by the Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service (CETAS) and used by people who need to leave their usual home while earthquake repairs or rebuilds are completed.

Once the demand for temporary accommodation has lessened, the homes will be sold by the Government to provide permanent affordable housing.

MBIE Canterbury Recovery Programme Operations Manager Malcolm MacMillan says all going well the first homes should be ready for occupation in August.

"We know the demand for temporary accommodation is increasing and the residential rebuild programme is gaining momentum so it's very pleasing to see the first steps being taken to increase the supply and make Rangers Park a reality," Mr Macmillan says.

Residents needing assistance to find temporary accommodation while their earthquake-damage repairs or rebuilds are being undertaken can contact CETAS on **0800 673 227** or go to: www.quakeaccommodation.govt.nz ♻️



Ministry of Business,
Innovation & Employment



Foundations being prepared at the new Rangers Park housing development in Linwood.

Students gather knowledge on NERP

Interest in the Environment Canterbury-led Natural Environment Recovery Programme (NERP) prompted a group of students from around the region to find out ways they could contribute.

The students were aware of the impact of the earthquakes on the natural environment and they wanted to know more about the NERP and any opportunity there was for them to spread the word on recovery.

"We think it is really important to have youth play a part in these things," says Programme Leader Chrissie Williams.

"The students had some understanding of how the earthquakes affected the local waterways so our presentation built on that."

Discussions included how the programme was developed looking at the broader view of recovery of greater Christchurch. The 17 key projects were also a talking point, and how they connect with other recovery plans.

Ms Williams says the students were interested in the focus of the NERP and how the natural environment can be enhanced when planning work on infrastructure or the built environment.

"Our presentation covered how putting the programme into practice will make the natural environment more resilient and functional. We also spoke of how they and the future generation can get involved to make it a success.

"As we begin to fulfil the programme aims and the crucial projects get underway we look forward to involving young people and connecting them with those leading the way. Many of the decisions made now will have the most impact on these young people and their children. It is important to hear their voices and provide them opportunities to make a difference."

For more information about the Natural Environment Recovery Programme visit: <http://ecan.govt.nz/our-responsibilities/regional-leadership/Pages/NERP.aspx> ♻️



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1ST PLACE 



KidsFirst Kindergarten Lincoln

2ND PLACE 



KidsFirst Kindergarten MacFarlane Park

3RD PLACE 



Pennylane Early Childhood Centre

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED 



West Melton Learning Centre



Oxford Play Centre

Y2

1ST PLACE 



Room 6 Elmwood Normal School

Y1

1ST PLACE 



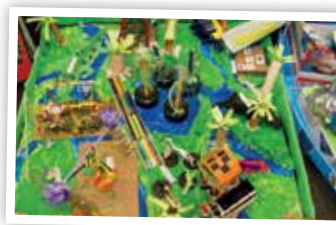
Room 1 Emmanuel Christian School

2ND PLACE 



Nate Pester, Zavier Keys, Rhys White Discovery One

2ND PLACE 



J2L The Cathedral Grammar School

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED 



Poppy Gilpin Emmanuel Christian School



J2P The Cathedral Grammar School



Y3

1ST PLACE 



David Evans
Home schooled

2ND PLACE 



Ben Stanbury
Paparua School

Y4

1ST PLACE 



Ruth Lagokamu, Oakley Wynard,
Hayley Richards, Kiara Clark
Freeville School

2ND PLACE 



Room 5
Emmanuel Christian School

Y5

1ST PLACE 



Kayla Folwell, Alex Hewison,
Kowhai Noble, Te-Tai Patene
Freeville School

2ND PLACE 



Liam Egan, Oliver Cosgrove, Kaeden Rudolph-O'Donnell,
Hayden Perriam, Jacob Pierson, James Paterson
Rolleston School

Y6

1ST PLACE 



Harriet Compton-Moen, Zelle Logan,
Enya O'Malley, Lucy Jessep
Selwyn House

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED 



Ella Duncan, Ella Clark,
Elyse Templeton, Molly Perkins
Halswell Primary



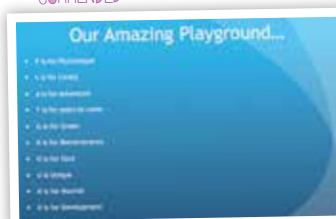
Max Mitchell, Abbey Henderson, Syme Gueco
Rolleston School

2ND PLACE 

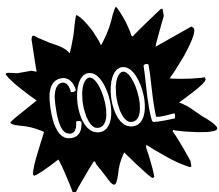


Room 5
Mount Somers Springburn School

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED 



Andrew Garbett, Olivia Jerard,
Charles Smith, Maddy Tutty
The Cathedral Grammar School



Christchurch City
Playground and Project
Schools' Competition

A HUGE TEAM EFFORT.

At the beginning of the year we challenged the young people of Canterbury to tell us their ideas for the best playground in the world, to be built in Christchurch's new central city.

The BNZ Amazing Place Playground Competition was open to all schools and early childhood education services in Canterbury and involved children from early childhood to year 6.

➔ What an extraordinarily amazing competition it has been!

Over 6,000 children took part and we received close to 300 entries from throughout the region. The judges were incredibly impressed by the high calibre of entries and the hundreds of imaginative ideas that the children came up with. Thanks to all the children who contributed, the designers of the actual playground will have access to lots of innovative ideas to provide inspiration.

The Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key presented the top awards at a special ceremony on Thursday 23 May. Here is a list of all the prize winners.

We really appreciate the hard work that the young people and their teachers put into the competition and their valuable contribution toward making Christchurch amazing.



1ST PLACE WINNERS



KidsFirst Kindergarten Lincoln
ECE



Room 6
Elmwood Normal School
YEAR 2



Te Tai Patene, Alex Hewison, Kowhai Noble, Kayla Folwell
Freeville School
YEAR 5



Room 1
Emmanuel Christian School
YEAR 1



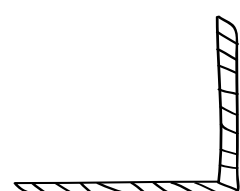
David Evans
Home schooled
YEAR 3



Harriet Compton-Moen, Zelle Logan, Enya O'Malley (absent Lucy Jessep)
Selwyn House
YEAR 6



Ruth Lagokamu, Haley Richards, Oakley Wynyard, Kiara Clark
Freeville School
YEAR 4



Residential red zone update

Criteria for case-by-case settlement extensions released

Property owners in the residential red zone, who meet specific criteria, will now be able to request an extension to their agreed settlement date with the Crown.

CERA recently held a series of workshops with more than 400 flat land residential red zone residents which gave them the opportunity to discuss their concerns about not being able to vacate their properties by their selected settlement date. The criteria have, in part, been developed as a result of those discussions.

CERA Chief Executive Roger Sutton says the criteria for a case-by-case extension are strict. They include whether obstacles a property owner may have in settling are beyond their control, their particular health or age-related vulnerabilities, and the impact an extension may have on activities such as property clearances and infrastructure services.

Those interested in seeking an extension or hearing more about the application process can contact CERA on **0800 RING CERA** or go to: www.cera.govt.nz

The extension process only applies to owners of flat land property. Land in the Port Hills is still subject to a zoning review process and until decisions are made in regard to the overall zoning of land in that area, the potential for settlement extensions cannot be considered. An announcement regarding the final zoning decisions is expected by the end of June.

Progress in the residential red zone

The pace of residential red zone property clearances is now really gaining momentum. More than 2,000 demolitions are complete and CERA is on target to finish another 1,000 by the end of September 2013.

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee says over the past 18 months the focus has been on residential red zone residents making decisions about the Crown offer.

"We can now put more effort into speeding up the clearance process. It's important these areas are made safe, kept tidy and are maintained until a future use of the wider red zone is decided."

Mr Brownlee says areas of cleared properties can be fenced off and grassed, similar to a trial completed in Kaiapoi over the summer. This is now occurring in areas of New Brighton and Dallington.

Of the 7,414 residential red zone properties eligible for an offer, 7,090 have signed a Sale and Purchase Agreement with the Crown (as at 28 May 2013).

Things to be aware of while properties are being cleared in the residential red zone

Some of the things you can expect:

- Worksites with hazards such as noise, dust and heavy machinery.

- A two-phase process: Built structures such as houses and garages will be cleared first. Remaining fences, selected vegetation, driveways and paths will be cleared later.
- Heavy vehicle movements. Please take extra care on the roads and comply with all traffic signs.
- Dust and debris. CERA requires demolition contractors to control dust and secure trucks transporting debris.

Safety first

- Never enter a fenced or vacant site. CERA and contractors will take all practical steps to ensure properties are safe, but there will still be hazards.
- Talk with children and teenagers about staying clear of sites and taking care around heavy vehicles. Supervision is important.
- If you need to enter a site, please ring **0800 RING CERA (0800 7464 2372)**

CERA also has security cameras placed in strategic positions throughout the residential red zone to strengthen security for those still living there. They are monitored 24 hours a day as a part of its suite of surveillance tools.

In the last 18 months, CERA has referred dozens of instances of suspicious behaviour caught on camera to police to consider further action.

As another important security measure, CERA operates 24-hour security patrols in the red zone. If residents have any concerns about suspicious behavior, they should contact the Police on **03 363 7400** or dial **111**. 



WHEN DID YOU LAST GET CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT?

Steady response to new Residential Advisory Service

Last month, the Residential Advisory Service became available for property owners facing rebuild and repair difficulties.

The service has been set up for property owners who are struggling with complex issues in relation to their rebuild or repair. Its aim is to help them to navigate a way through the process.

In the first seven working days, 245 calls and seven emails were received about the service. That resulted in 91 interviews with independent advisors being arranged at a number of locations across Canterbury, to make access as easy as possible.

Not all callers in relation to the service have been referred to independent advisors. Some have been helped over the phone, while some have been referred on to Earthquake Support Coordinators or CERA's Earthquake Assistance Centres. Property owners who are already in disputes resolution processes or mediation with insurers are not eligible for the service.

For more information, go to www.advisory.org.nz or phone **0800 777 299**. 




CERA's leaders take the rebuild message to the world

CERA Chief Executive Roger Sutton and CCDU Director Warwick Isaacs both travelled internationally last month to 'talk greater Christchurch' with world business and political leaders.

Mr Isaacs visited Washington to take part in the US-NZ Pacific Partnership Forum with other greater Christchurch community leaders.

The Forum has a strong link to Christchurch, as the city was hosting its 2011 event on the day of the February earthquake. Over 110 Americans, including some members of the US Congress, witnessed the tragedy and aftermath of the earthquake first hand.

Mr Isaacs then travelled to New York to speak with town planners. He also attended meetings to discuss the opportunities available in greater Christchurch in terms of investment, business and philanthropy.

Meanwhile, in a speech to a United Nations Forum in Geneva, Roger Sutton highlighted the resilience of the Canterbury economy and the value of strong expertise and institutions. He also travelled to London to meet groups with an interest in the rebuild. 

You Count Canterbury

Thank you to Cantabrians for participating in the 2013 Census in March. Census information is vital in rebuilding Christchurch. The results are eagerly awaited by local businesses, community groups and local and central government to help plan for the future.

Recognising the importance of census results for the greater Christchurch rebuild, and that quake-affected areas would be difficult to count, Statistics NZ introduced a special strategy for the area.

Traditional census collection areas were redesigned and an additional area covering the red zones was created. Census collectors working in this area received special training and support and were often people who had lived in the red zones themselves. Statistics NZ hired a Community Engagement Manager to ensure a close connection with the Canterbury community - recognising that many traditional communities had relocated and in some cases taken on different functions and members.

Statistics NZ has already begun processing over 5.6 million forms and about 2 million of those were completed online. This information is being scanned, checked and scrutinised while maintaining the highest levels of security to ensure everyone's private information is kept confidential.

Initial results will be published by Statistics NZ on 3 December 2013 and more detailed information on Canterbury will be available in February 2014. A schedule of releases can be found at www.stats.govt.nz

Statistics NZ is continuing to collect completed forms. If you still have completed forms to return please call **0800 CENSUS (0800 236 787)** and ask for a freepost envelope. If you have not received forms, call the 0800 number as soon as possible.



Getting the balance right

One of the frequent inquiries SCIRT gets is: why don't you work around the clock to get the job done quicker?

In fact, SCIRT crews do work at night in particular situations where it is safe and practical to do so. For example, CCTV footage inside pipes or brick barrel pipe lining often has to happen when the liquid level in pipes is low – when most people are usually in bed.

Busy intersection work may also have to happen at night as it did at the Papanui/Innes Road intersection over the Christmas/New Year break.

But wherever possible, night work is minimised for good reasons, including:

- Brightly-lit roadworks and noisy machinery are intrusive on the community, add to people's stress levels and keep them awake.
- Night work is less productive, costs more and is more dangerous for both road users and workers.
- Most SCIRT work involves repair of services under the road surface. This involves working in trenches, often in unstable ground, and with moving plant and equipment. It is difficult to light these work spaces adequately at night to make them safe.
- The infrastructure rebuild is a five-year programme. The health and quality of life of our workers is important. Just like all of us, they need to get home and see their family and friends each day.

What does SCIRT do to speed up delivery on busy roads?

Where it is safe to do so, more crews will work on the same project as is happening on Richmond's Stanmore Road, cutting the time the street is restricted to one-way. However, the work area also limits the number of crews and machinery that can practically operate close together.

Getting priorities right

The infrastructure rebuild is scheduled to be completed in 2016. Work is carefully planned, balancing often conflicting needs, including keeping traffic moving, and sequenced within budget constraints.

If you have other questions about the infrastructure rebuild, email us at info@scirt.co.nz; phone us at **941 8999**, or follow us on twitter [@SCIRT_info](https://twitter.com/SCIRT_info)



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New approach on multi-unit buildings

EQC has boosted its specialist team assessing multi-unit buildings to speed up processing of these complex claims.

A multi-unit building is two or more dwellings sharing at least one common structural element, such as a wall, garage, roof or foundations. Such buildings include:

- flats on cross-lease titles (often attached by a party wall), as well as terraced housing and apartments
- unit-title developments, typically multi-storey apartments or semi-detached town houses
- mixed-use buildings, with both homes and commercial premises, such as apartments above shops
- rest homes and retirement villages.

EQC now assesses a multi-unit building both as an individual property and as a whole. Land damage also needs to be approached from both individual and overall property perspectives.

General Manager Customer Services Bruce Emson says homes in multi-unit dwellings tend to have different levels of damage and repair strategies, and can also involve different insurers and banks.

"Repairing one home is likely to impact the repair of the one next door," says Bruce Emson. "For example, even though one unit may have suffered only cosmetic damage,

the home next door may have severe structural issues. If, say, the foundations or walls have to be fixed, the almost undamaged unit will have to be part of the repairs."

To add to the complexity, many multi-unit homes are on TC3 land and often involve the elderly and most vulnerable people in our community.

All multi-unit customers will be contacted by EQC within the next two months for an update on their claims. Many multi-unit flats and apartments have already been repaired or cash-settled.

Most multi-units need agreement on a repair strategy – between neighbours, body corporates and often banks and insurers. If you are in any of these multi-dwelling arrangements, you can help speed up your claim if you and your neighbours are all in agreement on EQC or insurer proposals.



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A combined effort brings smiles to the faces of children in Redcliffs

More accolades are on the way for a humble hero in the Christchurch suburb of Redcliffs.

Ninety-year-old Reg Dalley decided he wanted to bring some fun back to Redcliffs after the earthquakes. So he set up the OK Corral Scooter Park, building wooden jumps and ramps for children of all ages to enjoy.

Reg Dalley says he approached Foodstuffs to see if he could use the former New World supermarket site. In response, they handed him a new padlock and key and said, "Go for your life."

His efforts have earned him a Good Sort spot on TVNZ's One News. Now he and his wife Rena will be receiving community board Community Service Awards.

"It isn't about that at all," he says. "My wife Rena and I just wanted to bring some fun back into the community and do something for the kids. The tennis club is closed and there's nothing for them to do."

Reg Dalley says the scooter park is a community effort. Help has come from members of the Redcliffs Community Shed, where people get together to work on projects for the local community.



Right: Aleksander (4) enjoys the ramps at the OK Corral. Reg Dalley says since news of the scooter park spread, children from all over greater Christchurch are coming over to enjoy it.

"The Community Shed built the storage shed where we put all the ramps overnight to keep them safe. They also fundraised and refunded me for the materials for the original ramps. Rena does most of the supervising at the OK Corral but other members of the local community also help out," says Mr Dalley.



He says they don't know exactly how long it will be before the New World is rebuilt. But, as building is expected to begin this year, they have looked for a more permanent site in the area and are close to securing one. 🔄

New community events trailer launched

A new community barbecue and events trailer was launched at a recent event celebrating the Summer of Fun series.

About 11,000 people attended more than 40 community fun days and events over the 2012/2013 summer period.

The success of the series, attended by Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee and CERA Chief Executive Roger Sutton, was celebrated at a special event at YMCA's Hereford Street premises on Thursday 30 May. Event volunteers from community organisations and the Anglican and Methodist churches also attended.

Funding from the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust for the Summer of Fun included an allocation to construct and equip a trailer with a BBQ, gazebos and a range of equipment. At nominal cost, the trailer is for use as a resource to improve local connections and build community. It can be booked through the YMCA at www.ymcachch.org.nz

The event also provided a platform to profile Rotary's recently established Neighbourhood Project Fund. This has been set up to fund small and medium-sized neighbourhood-level projects and initiatives. Grants of up to \$500 are available for local neighbourhood events and projects. Events on a larger scale can be funded up to \$4,000. For information on how to apply, go to www.rotaryneighbourhood.org.nz 🔄



Minister Brownlee celebrates the launch of the new community events trailer.



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New South Brighton Community Centre a step closer

Foundations for the new transitional South Brighton Community Centre are being laid – with the facility expected to open by early September.

Excavations finished on the site of the demolished Christchurch City Council-owned South Brighton Community Centre in Beatty Street last week. Piling work is underway and expected to take up to a month to complete.

The former QEII Preschool building, which is being transformed into the transitional community centre, was moved to the site in March, courtesy of the International Association of Lions Clubs which paid for the relocation. The building is sitting on blocks while the foundations for the facility are built.

Deputy Mayor Ngaire Button says it's wonderful that South Brighton residents are one step closer to using their community centre again.

"It's exciting for residents to see this wonderful new facility taking shape and we're looking forward to welcoming them to the newly refurbished community centre in the coming months – the first time there's been a community centre in the suburb since the building was earthquake-damaged more than two years ago and had to be demolished."

Once the foundations are completed, the facility will be lifted on to them by crane.

Repair and refurbishment work will then be carried out before the community centre opens. This includes re-wiring and repainting the building and installing new toilets and a new kitchen.

The work is being completed as part of the Council's Facilities Rebuild programme. South Brighton Community Centre is one of 30 projects that the Council last year approved for funding, further investigations and, where possible, repairs. The permanent future of the site is still being considered.

For more information about South Brighton Community Centre and other Facilities Rebuild projects, visit www.futurechristchurch.co.nz

Draft Local Alcohol Policy out for consultation

The Christchurch City Council is keen to find out what the community thinks about its draft Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), which is now out for public consultation.

The draft policy, which is a provision of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, was adopted by the full Council last month. Consultation will run until 5pm on Monday, 1 July 2013.

The aim of the draft LAP is to minimise alcohol-related harm in the city and ensure that the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol are undertaken safely and responsibly.

A submission form and project information can be found online at: www.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay



The former QEII Preschool building, which will become the transitional community centre, sits on blocks while foundations are built.

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Selwyn's in the swim

The new Selwyn Aquatic Centre will open on the 24th of June 2013.

The centre will provide the first year-round swimming facility for people living in the Selwyn district, which has a population of 42,300.

The complex is located on Broadlands Drive in Rolleston. It has been designed to be used by people of all ages and includes accessible ramps which allow people to walk into the pools. It includes an eight-lane, 25-metre main pool, a hydrotherapy pool with spa pool, a leisure pool with a lazy river and a learn to swim pool.

Although the pool has not yet opened to the public, over 1,400 pre-enrolments have been completed for the swim school that will operate at the centre.

Opening hours: 6am – 9pm Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

For information about the pool, visit Selwyn.govt.nz/sac or phone **03 3472 734**.



Top: The new Selwyn Aquatic Centre due for opening shortly. The centre has been future-proofed to allow for an expanding population in the Selwyn district.

Right: Around 300 tiles were painted by the local community, for the centre. These tiles will decorate the corridor from the changing area to the pools.



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