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The voice of the Canterbury rebuild

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The Garden City? Or the City of Street Art?

Christchurch's central city is going through a transformation on many levels. The physical consequences of the earthquakes are clear to all – demolition and renewal go hand-in-hand – but through this adversity a new city style is emerging. The shifting

landscape is proving to be a perfect canvas for a whole range of transitional art works.

One of the players in this visual reinvention is Oi YOU!. Street artists from around the world have

created stunning works for Spectrum at the YMCA on Hereford Street, and on big walls around the city. Organiser George Shaw says he would love to see Christchurch recognised globally as the street art city... [read more on page 7.](#)

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CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

John Ombler
Acting CERA Chief Executive

The past few weeks have been a mixed time for the greater Christchurch community. We marked the fourth anniversary of the 22 February earthquake; reflecting on the people who lost their lives, their friends and families who lost precious loved ones, the people who were seriously injured on that day and of course our community as a whole, which is on a journey of recovery. I attended the public memorial in the Botanic Gardens and felt how raw the emotion still is for many. This reinforced for me the importance of these anniversaries for grieving and healing.

I also noted the comments of Ken Hird, who was seriously injured on 22 February 2011. He spoke of his hope for an accessible Christchurch where people with disabilities can

move confidently around the city. This is something we are absolutely committed to, and we are now seeing a new, more accessible city take shape through the transport chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

This sobering anniversary fell at a time when the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 was in full swing in Christchurch. The significance for us to be able to play a role in such a high-profile global event, and to be able to host an amazing event like Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival, can't be over-stated. The fact that we have enough working infrastructure, hotel rooms, and transport services, is testament to the entire Canterbury community. These were huge opportunities to showcase greater Christchurch.

Finally, CERA is to lose one of its rebuild stalwarts when CCDU Director Warwick Isaacs departs at the end of this month to take up an opportunity in the private sector. There are few people who have been so involved in the rebuild of this city. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Warwick's contribution over the past four years. The hours have been exceptionally long and the roles he has occupied, very demanding. He will be missed, but he leaves a team of extremely capable and committed individuals to carry on the rebuild work. ■



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Karleen Edwards
Christchurch City Council Chief Executive Officer

As I sit down to write this, the events recognising the fourth anniversary of the 22 February earthquake are fresh in my mind. It is clear that, although time has passed, as a community we value the opportunity to quietly reflect and remember.

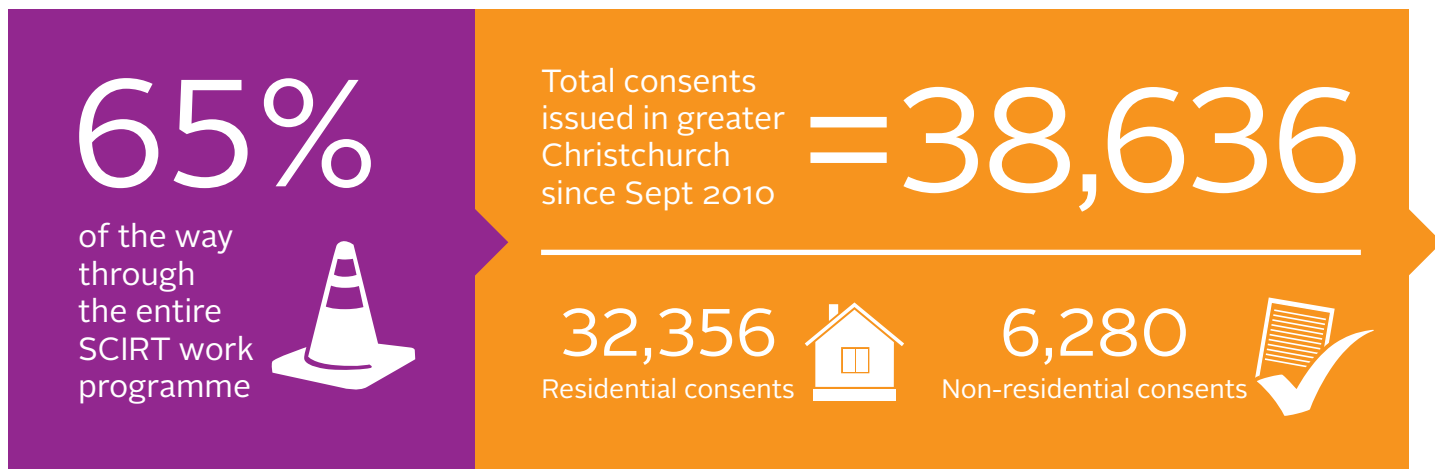
I'd like to highlight the opportunity for you to have a say on the six shortlisted designs for the Canterbury Earthquake Memorial. The Memorial will allow us a space for reflection and contemplation – find out more in this issue or see ccdu.govt.nz/ideas-to-remember before 15 March.

Looking ahead, Christchurch City Council would also like your feedback on our Long Term Plan. The choices we make now will shape our city in coming decades. It is important you tell us what you think our priorities should be as these decisions will affect your daily life. More information will arrive in your mailbox soon, or see www.ccc.govt.nz/LTP

In this issue, we've got exciting news for you about the much-anticipated re-opening of Christchurch Art Gallery. Repairs are well underway and the Gallery hopes to re-open in December.

Thank you for your letters and emails supporting this new publication. It is great to hear you like the new look and find it easier to read with better stories. We'd love to hear suggestions for ways to continue improving, you can email your ideas to editor@futurechristchurchupdate.co.nz As a Council, we're committed to becoming more open, transparent and, most importantly, helpful. We're pleased to hear you find this publication is one step in the right direction. ■

Rebuild progress at a glance ...



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

Victoria Square – What would you do with this space?

Victoria Square has been earmarked for development as part of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct and the public is being asked to participate in the process to decide the best use for the space.

All existing plans for the square are now on hold and no changes will be made until this community participation process is undertaken. The extent to which changes are made will depend on the feedback from the community.

“We know that Victoria Square is a key part of our city’s history and a place that many large events have been held – right back to the days when it was known as Market Square, and was the home to trading between European settlers and Ngāi Tahu,” acting CERA Chief Executive John Ombler says.

“We want to hear people’s ideas for the future of Victoria Square – what they want preserved and what they want improved to enhance how people use the space.”

There are some things which need to be done in Victoria Square, including fixing damage caused by the earthquakes and repairing heritage features such as the Bowker Fountain. The work programme also presents an opportunity to upgrade some aspects of public safety, such as better lighting and the removal of diseased and dangerous trees, and to acknowledge the cultural significance of the square. CERA is working closely with Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tūāhuriri on how to achieve a balanced approach to our joint heritage.

The community participation process will take six months, starting now with the call for input. For four weeks from 11 March the Visionarium – the mobile Future Christchurch showcase – will be at Victoria Square to gather people’s feedback. People can also provide feedback online at yourvoice.ccc.govt.nz/victoria-square

This stage of the community participation process closes on 24 April. The feedback will then be collated and used to develop a draft plan for the square. This draft plan will go back to the community for further feedback before a final plan for Victoria Square is approved.

For more information on the community participation process on the future of Victoria Square, visit ccdu.govt.nz/victoria-square

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John Ombler



Victoria Square: What would you like to see happen here?

Meet the rebuild workers



Chris Guy (30) Foreman for City Care

Where are you from?
Christchurch

What made you want to be part of the rebuild?
I've lived here [in Christchurch] all my life. I've worked for City Care for about eight years now. I enjoy it. I like being outside and getting amongst it.

What excites you about the future of greater Christchurch?
Just a chance I reckon to get rid of some of the derelict-looking buildings that we had around town. Some of them were a bit of an eyesore

so it's a chance to get a few new buildings and look to the future basically. It looks a bit nicer.

What challenges you about the rebuild?
It is little things, like where patches of work get done, then are ripped back up and done again. It should just be done once and done right and that's it, you know? I can understand in places where it needs to be done to let the traffic through but some of the decisions just don't make sense to me.

Final days to comment on Memorial

Members of the public have until 15 March to provide feedback on their preferred design for the Canterbury Earthquake Memorial.

Panels displaying the six shortlisted designs are at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens near Canterbury Museum until Sunday 15 March. Feedback forms are available at the display or online at www.ccdugovt.nz/ideas-to-remember, until 15 March. So far there has been an excellent response to the call for feedback.

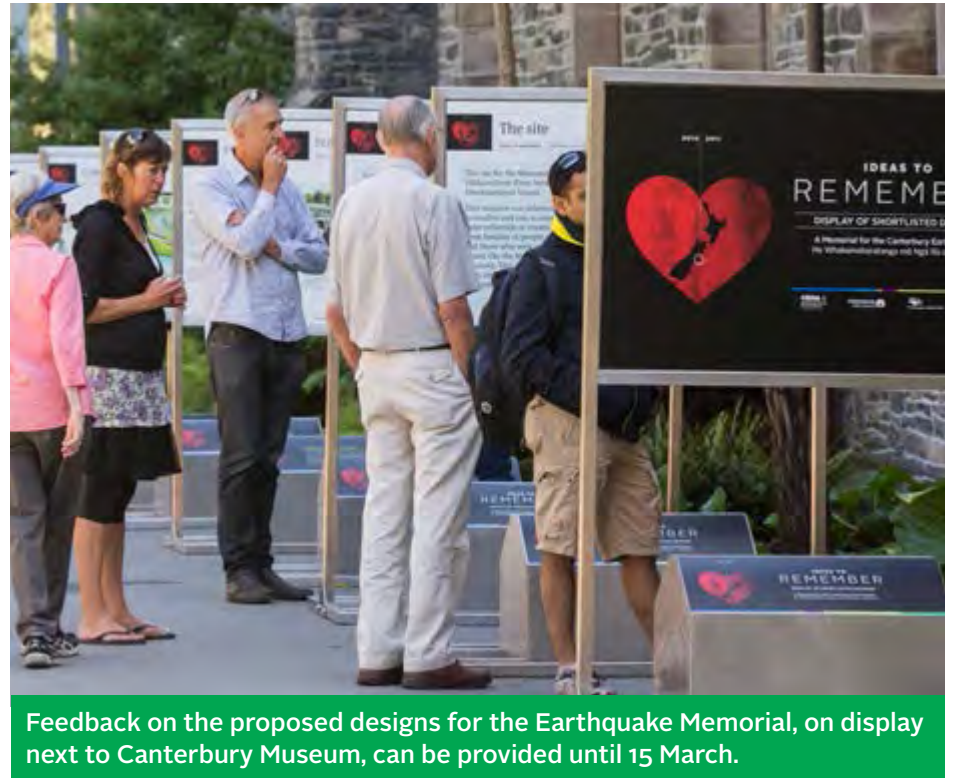
The Memorial will honour the 185 people who lost their lives, as well as those that were injured in the Canterbury earthquakes and recognise the shared experiences and effects of the earthquakes. It will also recognise those who assisted in the rescue and recovery operations.

The six shortlisted designs were selected from more than 330 submissions. After reviewing public

feedback, an evaluation panel of architecture and design professionals, and a representative of the bereaved families, will make a recommendation on a preferred design.

The panel's recommendation will be considered by a Memorial Leadership Group made up of Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Nicky Wagner, Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Tā Mark Solomon and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Maggie Barry. Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee will make the final decision, which is expected in May.

The intention is for the Memorial to be completed in 2016. ■



Central city rebuild in good hands

One of the most instrumental players in Christchurch's rebuild says he can move on to new challenges with the satisfaction of leaving a great team to finish what he helped to start.

Warwick Isaacs, the Director of CERA's Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU), leaves his public service role at the end of this month to take on a new private sector challenge with Stonewood Homes.

His work with CERA has spanned four years as he was one of the organisation's first employees. In that time, he has moved from an emergency response role, to demolition work, to overseeing the production of the visionary Blueprint Plan and managing the multi-billion dollar central city rebuild.

"My first title was actually a real mouthful – Interim Manager, Civil Defence Transition and All Residual Deconstruction. And that all seems like so long ago now, as an organisation we have packed so much into this recovery. I'm sad

to be leaving but it's the right time for a new challenge and I'm looking forward to continuing on in a role that contributes to the rebuild of Christchurch."

Warwick Isaacs says he leaves CCDU in very good heart with a wealth of talent and experience to carry on the vital central city rebuild work.

"I have never lost confidence in the rebuild, I have never bought into 'doughnut' theories and I have every confidence that the CCDU team, along with the private sector, will continue to implement the plan and do it fantastically well. CERA as an organisation may be in transition, but I feel sure there will be no loss of momentum in bringing about the Blueprint Plan's vision for the central city."

Mr Isaacs says he will remain in the city with his family and is looking forward to the time when he can walk through the bustling central city and appreciate how far it has come.

"It will be great being able to show my family the parts of the rebuild I contributed to."

Baden Ewart has been appointed to replace Mr Isaacs in the interim. ■



"I have every confidence that the CCDU team, along with the private sector, will continue to implement the [Blueprint] plan and do it fantastically well."

Warwick Isaacs



Source: Christchurch Central Development Unit.



Restoring a Christchurch treasure: Work underway on the Mona Vale Homestead.

Restoration of significant heritage facilities underway

Christchurch City Council contractor and Senior Project Manager Richard Herdman is proud to be helping to restore two of the city's most treasured heritage buildings – Mona Vale Homestead and Sign of the Takahe.

“Seeing these buildings restored will be a visible and tangible sign for Christchurch residents that a piece of recognisable normality is returning to our city.”

“It’s so rewarding to be able to breathe life back into buildings that were badly damaged and to be able to return them to their former glory,” Mr Herdman says.

The Council began restoration and strengthening work on Mona Vale Homestead on Fendalton Road and Sign of the Takahe on Hackthorne Road in mid February.

Mona Vale Homestead and Sign of the Takahe – which were both popular restaurant and function centres before their closure after the February 2011 earthquake – are expected to re-open in mid 2016.

The work is being carried out as part of the Council’s Community Facilities Rebuild Programme. The repair and rebuild programme is looking at the future of more than 1,000 community facilities, including heritage facilities, libraries and swimming pools, across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. Twenty five per cent of facilities have been repaired or rebuilt.

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Richard Herdman

Mr Herdman says the restoration of the 1899 Mona Vale Homestead will be complex and intricate, with parts of the building’s masonry and heritage fabric being carefully deconstructed and reconstructed. Significant earthquake strengthening will be carried out to bring the building up to 67 per cent of New Building Standard. During the restoration, the Council will also install a more modern and efficient heating system and new lighting in the homestead.

Mona Vale Gatehouse and the Mona Vale Lodge will also be repaired and strengthened. Timeframes for when this will occur are still to be determined.

Sign of the Takahe will undergo significant detailed earthquake strengthening and upgrades to large parts of the building, including the roof, floors, parapets and chimneys. ■

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Other Council facilities news

- Repair and strengthening work got underway on **Akaroa Museum**, at the end of February. Akaroa Museum, which is partially open, will be repaired and strengthened to 67 per cent of New Building Standard. The roof will be partly replaced and a modern climate control system and new lighting installed.
- Lyttelton’s rebuilt **Norman Kirk Memorial Pool** opened on 20 February. The opening, hot on the heels of Scarborough Paddling Pool in December and Waltham Lido Pool in January, means that Christchurch has a full complement of outdoor pools for the first time since before the 2011 earthquakes.
- A Joint Working Group including Sumner residents that will have input into the design of the new **Sumner Community Facility** is expected to make a presentation to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board in April. The group is currently considering the concept design for the new facility. The current concept design sets out a proposed floor plan for the new facility, which will incorporate a library, community centre and museum display. At this stage, it is expected the new Sumner Community Facility will be complete in mid 2017.

Gallery gearing up to re-open

It's been four years since Christchurch Art Gallery closed its doors for earthquake strengthening, but the countdown to its much-anticipated re-opening has begun – and it can't come soon enough, says Director Jenny Harper.

"We simply can't wait to see the Gallery filled with art and thronging with visitors once again," she says. "It seems incredible that, in less than a year, we could get our wish."

With building repairs well underway and the Gallery hoping to re-open in December, staff are busy planning and preparing for the biggest event since the iconic building's grand opening in 2003.

For the first time ever, all of the Gallery's exhibition spaces will be taken over by one show. Featuring more than 300 works of art, the special exhibition will also include a room dedicated to works acquired since the Gallery's closure, some of which have never been exhibited before.

Ms Harper says it will be a familiar but different Gallery that re-opens to the city.

"From the outside, the building will mostly look the same, but there will definitely be some upgrades," she says.

"We simply can't wait to see the Gallery filled with art and thronging with visitors once again. It seems incredible that, in less than a year, we could get our wish."

Jenny Harper

"While the building itself is being made even stronger and safer, we're making changes to everything from the look and feel of our brand and website, to new multimedia experiences inside the Gallery and exciting ways to get children and families hands-on with art.

"We're gearing up to come back bigger and busier than ever, which is wonderful news for Christchurch." ■



Counting down: Christchurch Art Gallery moves closer to re-opening as earthquake strengthening work continues.

Commuters adjusting to central city traffic changes

Just four months since work on the new central city travel network around Hospital Corner and Hagley/Moorhouse Corner began, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and bus passengers are already experiencing benefits.

Christchurch City Council Transport and Research Unit Manager Richard Osborne says commuters have adjusted incredibly well to the changes.

"With no entry to Hagley Avenue from the south there is a reduced build-up of traffic at the Hagley/Moorhouse intersection.

"The former complex five-road intersection has now become a simple 'T' intersection, with 23 per cent more green light phases than before. This change is also key to reducing congestion at Hospital Corner – an anticipated 12,000 fewer vehicles per day will use this intersection," Mr Osborne says.

"These traffic reductions near the Hospital have also allowed the start

of some much-needed improvements to pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities," he adds.

A new shared path adjacent to Hagley Avenue is already proving very popular. Cyclists, joggers and walkers at the recent Go By Bike Day were all extremely positive about the new wider and more user-friendly path.

The travel network changes taking place are part of *An Accessible City*, the transport chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan. The ongoing work on future-proofing the central city travel network means traffic management such as road cones and signage will unfortunately be required for some time yet. To get the most up-to-date traffic information, visit: tfc.govt.nz ■



The usual way of getting to Christchurch Hospital may have changed for some people. Check out the map to see the new ways to get to hospital.

For more information about *An Accessible City*, visit: www.ccc.govt.nz/AACtransportprojects

For information about the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan, visit: www.ccd.govt.nz/the-plan





Spectrum organiser George Shaw, in partnership with YMCA, has brought the world's first purpose-built street art museum to Christchurch.

World-class street art in Christchurch

“People are already referring to Christchurch as ‘the street art city,’” says Spectrum organiser George Shaw. “Our vision is to have Christchurch known as the street art capital of the world.”

Spectrum Street Art Festival runs until 10 May. The biggest of its kind in the southern hemisphere, the festival offers a stunning interior display of works at the YMCA on Hereford Street. Displays include giant spray cans, the “Stick ‘Em Up” room with art and stickers contributed from around the world, and the largest collection of works by (famous English graffiti artist) Banksy in this part of the world. The eight local and international headline artists have also produced enormous murals around the central city and there’s an extensive T-shirt display at Canterbury Museum.

George Shaw says the new murals are “awesome” and “something that Christchurch can be proud of and is already getting global recognition for”.

“What’s most exciting is that Oi YOU! and YMCA Christchurch have an ongoing partnership to transform the space on Hereford Street into the world’s first purpose-built street art venue and we are already working on future projects.”

To find out more, go to: streetart.co.nz or [facebook.com/oiyoustreetart](https://www.facebook.com/oiyoustreetart) You can also download the Street Wise app to discover all the great street art on walls across the city.

Art for the heart – why street art?

Public Health Specialist Dr Lucy D’Aeth says art has proven benefits for mental health; whether people are making it or looking at it.

She sees it as a positive thing for the greater Christchurch community that permanent and temporary spaces are being handed over for street art.

Lucy D’Aeth is also an All Right? steering group member and says research shows young people feel like there’s not enough going on in the city.

“So if there is something bright to look at in the city, it has got to be good – for everyone. The street art projects that are being created now are what this generation of young people are growing up and identifying with.

“There aren’t many advantages to having so many large open spaces in the city but the amazing street art is one of them.” ■



CONNECTED WITH THE CITY

James, Christchurch resident and commercial property professional, moved back into the city six months after the earthquakes. He’s never regretted putting himself in the picture. “When you live outside the city, you disengage with it when you leave in the evening. When you live centrally, everything’s integrated. It’s a total lifestyle.”

Here you’re close to all the amenities and you don’t need to depend on a car. The central city is at the heart of what’s happening in Christchurch. “This is a great place to live if you love the urban vibe ... if you want the newest, the latest, if you enjoy socialising, and you want everything that a city offers in terms of bars, entertainment, festivals, events, clubs – it’s a choice that makes sense ... There’s some great residential opportunities available now that people really should look into.”



Make your move to live central and experience the new everyday. A wide range of residential developments are underway now. Find out more at livecentralchch.co.nz



Christchurch City Council Long Term Plan – H

Christchurch City Council will begin gathering public feedback this month on its Long Term Plan that will shape the city over the next decade and beyond.

The huge cost of the earthquake rebuild has resulted in an estimated funding shortfall of \$1.2 billion.

In our 10-year budget we have a proposed financial strategy to cover this, but we now need residents' feedback on the proposals. There are still some tough choices ahead and we want your views on what we plan to do and how we will pay for it before we make our final decision on the Plan in June.

It's vital we hear from all parts of our community because the decisions we make this year will have a significant impact on every person who lives in Christchurch – now and for future generations.

We have produced a consultation document based on the proposals in a number of underlying strategies including a proposed financial strategy and infrastructure strategy.












If you want to know more about any of the proposals and projects in the Long Term Plan, information will be available in the consultation document, at www.ccc.govt.nz/LTP and at libraries and service centres. You can also call 941 8999 for information. Or you could go to one of the meetings that Councillors will be speaking at in March and April. We will be updating you with information on the venues and times of these meetings.

The Council will not be making final decisions about the Long Term Plan until the end of June and until we have had the opportunity to hear what you think of our proposal.

Find out more
Read the consultation document and have your say at www.ccc.govt.nz/LTP

Council services

You are using Council-funded facilities and services every time you:

-  travel down a road
-  ride along a cycleway
-  walk on a footpath
-  play in a park
-  visit a library
-  use a recreation & sport centre or swimming pool
-  turn on a tap
-  flush the toilet
-  put out your rubbish
-  apply for building consent
-  buy a dog licence

Financial strategy

Christchurch City Council's proposed financial strategy explains how it will deal with the estimated funding shortfall.

This is challenging because of uncertainty around the size of our insurance proceeds and the costs of fixing the city's roading and underground services. An independent review into the cost of repairs to horizontal infrastructure will help provide a clearer picture, but we need to plan for a worst case scenario where we receive no further financial assistance to cover the final bill.

There are limits on how much we can borrow and how much we can increase rates. The aim is to have single-figure rate increases on average over the next four years.

As a result the average residential rate would increase from \$39.09 this year to \$53.80 in 2018/19. This covers a wide range of services

such as water, roading, sewerage, libraries, recreation centres, and other community facilities.

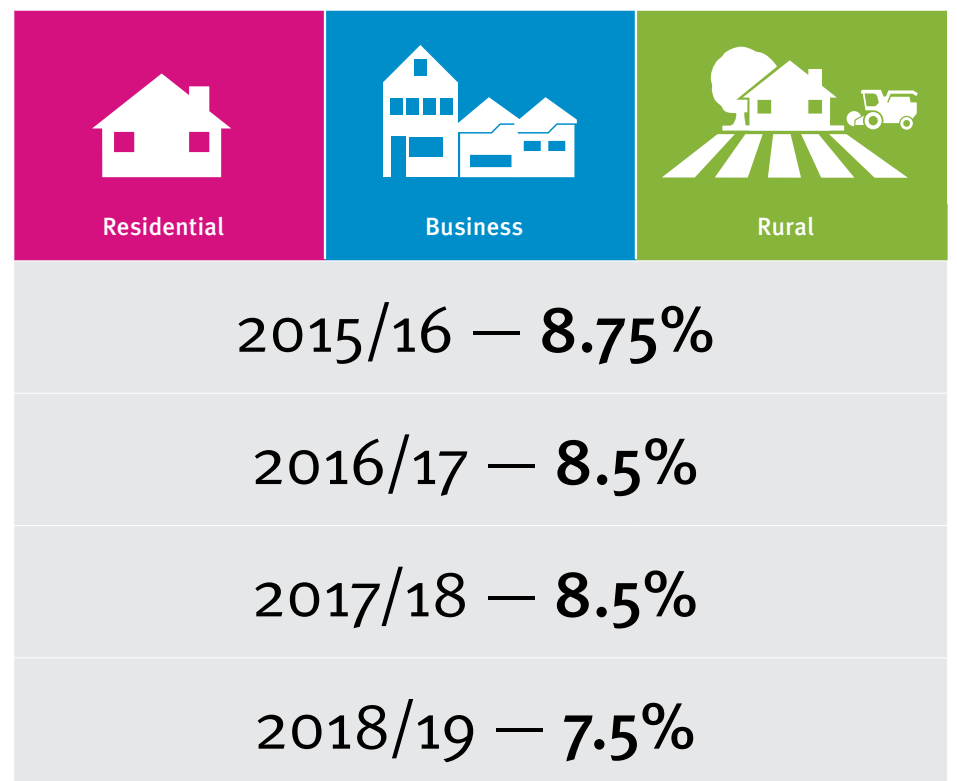
To help keep rates to this level, the Council proposes raising \$750 million by selling in part or in whole some of the assets owned by its commercial arm, Christchurch City Holdings Ltd.

The Council will not make a final decision on asset sales until it has:

- consulted the public
- reviewed all aspects of its capital work programme
- looked at further operational savings
- taken expert advice on the best way to handle any sales.

To read the strategy, go to www.ccc.govt.nz/financialstrategy

Proposed rates increases



Help us to make smart choices

Infrastructure strategy

It's likely to be 20 to 30 years before the city's roads and underground services return to their pre-earthquake state.

Over the next 10 years work on water supply, sewerage and drainage services will cost about \$1.8 billion, accounting for almost a quarter of our total planned spending over that period.

On top of earthquake damage, pipes in older subdivisions need replacing and delaying this work would result in higher maintenance costs. We also need to preserve and improve the water quality in our streams and rivers.

All this means we will have to carefully prioritise repairs and maintenance. In terms of improving the smoothness of the road surface we plan to focus on main roads, with less spending on routes with lower traffic volumes and speed limits.

Rather than building new roads and widening old roads, we want to make smarter use of our existing roads by improving traffic flow, rerouting heavy freight vehicles, and encouraging more use of public transport.



The Council's infrastructure spend over the next 10 years is expected to amount to about \$1.8 billion.

Have your say. It's your city. It's your future.

What is most important to you? What do you care about? What are your priorities and what should Christchurch City Council prioritise in its Long Term Plan? These Christchurch residents told us about their vision for the future of their city.



Helen Campbell, 76, ex red-zoner.

I lived in Bexley for 48 years. We were red-stickered and then red-zoned. We now live at Wigram Skies.

I think Christchurch is on the right track. I like how the Council is keeping the tone and vision for the future so positive.

One of the things I hear people say is roads should be built instead of convention centres. My response to that is "It's all got to happen". You can't say one thing has got to come first.

My hope is that Christchurch will be a bit like Napier with its art deco style buildings. Christchurch could be known for being an architecturally stunning city. Like the new restaurant and centre in the Botanic Gardens. I think that's a stunner. I go down Durham Street and see that beautiful wavy building.

There's potential for Christchurch to be amazing. Now we're over the hurdles. We've just got to get through this rebuild phase.



Kaitlyn White, 18, law and commerce student.

I'm really passionate about Christchurch. I just want to be involved in making it the most youth-friendly city possible.

I want there to be something for everyone: whether you're into the skate parks, the arts scene or professional development.

For me, more than anything Council needs to listen to our voice at every step. I'd like them to make sure they are serving us right, and looking for opportunities to involve us.

I think Mayor Lianne Dalziel once said they're not building this city for them, but for the youth and that perspective is by far what we want to achieve. If Council are going into everything thinking that, they're going to do a good job.

For my 30-year vision, I'd like to see Christchurch totally rebuilt. It will be hugely inclusive and diverse with opportunities in the arts, sports, culture.



Anne Heins, 31, cyclist.

For me, Council's top priority is investing in cycleways and other biking infrastructure.

I just don't see this as optional. Christchurch is in an ideal position to become a cycling city – flat, well-connected streets, comparatively wide roads and a good climate.

Now is the time to do it. Even though there are some financial issues, the long-term benefits will be huge.

In New Zealand, for each dollar we spend on cycleways, we can expect to get \$6 to \$20 back in benefits – lower obesity rates, lower health costs, less toxic air pollution, less congestion, less wear and tear on roads, higher fitness levels, lower greenhouse gas emissions.

You see pictures and videos from the 1950s of the streets in Christchurch being filled with cyclists. It was a cyclist's Mecca.

It feels like we could get back to that with investment at the right time. The right time feels like now.

Second stage of District Plan Review fast-tracked

Christchurch City Council is encouraging people to learn more about stage two of its District Plan Review and to make submissions directly to the Independent Hearings Panel that makes decisions on the plan.

Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel says the Council's focus for stage one was to educate people about the content of the draft chapters/ maps and how that content could affect them, particularly in relation to natural hazards; and to receive their feedback on those draft chapters.

"We then found that many people felt they'd had their say and didn't need to make a formal submission. For stage two we want people to know that feedback is not enough – they still need to make a formal submission to have any influence on the proposed plan.

"Over the next month or two, I encourage everyone to become aware of what's being proposed and how it might affect them. It is much better to become involved now than it is to find out too late that you didn't agree with the changes," says Mayor Lianne Dalziel.

The timeline for Council input to stage two of the review of the Christchurch Replacement District Plan has been shortened to give the Independent Hearings Panel time to complete its work. The Government's Order in Council set an April 2016 deadline for completion of the entire replacement plan.

Most of the second stage proposals will go to the Ministers for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and for the Environment in March before being notified and opened for public submissions from 2 May to 15 June 2015.

Mayor Lianne Dalziel says the Council will use the time between proposals going to Ministers and notification to promote awareness of the chapters and the issues in them in the hope that people will make submissions.

More information on the District Plan Review is available at: www.ccc.govt.nz/districtplanreview

Submissions can be made at: makeasubmission.ccc.govt.nz from 2 May 2015 or using hard copy submission forms which will be available at Council service centres and libraries from that date. Forms will also be included in a newsletter delivered to households. ■

Views sought on Wainui wastewater scheme

Christchurch City Council is pausing the delivery of the Wainui Wastewater Reticulation and Treatment Scheme while it seeks feedback about possible future options for its delivery.

The Council's finances are under pressure as a result of the high demands earthquake recovery is placing on available resources. This means making some difficult decisions about the funding, timing and scope of projects across the city and Banks Peninsula.

You can access the Wainui Wastewater Reticulation and Treatment Scheme options booklet and submission form:

- online at: www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay
- at any Council library or service centre.

Submissions need to be made to the Council by 5pm on Monday 30 March 2015.

Project Manager excited to be part of pioneering work

Work on a new route into the central city from south-west Christchurch is underway.

Construction of a new bridge over Curletts Road, linking Wigram Road and Magdala Place, is expected to be completed by October 2016.

Christchurch City Council Transport and City Streets Unit Manager Richard Topham says the Wigram-Magdala Link will accommodate the higher traffic demand resulting from rapid development in Wigram, Aidanfield, Awatea and Halswell.

It provides a connection between the major cycle routes on either side of Curletts Road.

Hawkins Infrastructure is the Council's contractor working on the project.

Senior Project Manager Chad Bevan says the construction of the overbridge is "cutting edge and not the typical cut-and-paste engineering design you might find elsewhere".

Mr Bevan has come from Sydney, Australia where he was involved with building the south-west rail link, which came in substantially under budget and six months early.

"We had similar earthquake issues in Newcastle as you have here in Christchurch but not to the same scale. The way we saw designs change is similar to what is happening here and I can provide input into that," Mr Bevan says.

"I have always had a passion for engineering and doing things differently, challenging the status quo and coming up with solutions to problems. Dealing with the ground conditions in Christchurch, there is a lot of pioneering work involved and I am excited to be part of it," he says. ■



Wigram-Magdala Link Senior Project Manager Chad Bevan enjoys finding solutions to engineering problems.



The new link is expected to be finished by October 2016.

Kaiapoi's recovery bringing smiles

The North Canterbury town of Kaiapoi is turning a corner.

In recent months, high-profile civic spaces and businesses have opened or re-opened after earthquake repairs – and plenty more development is on the radar.

Most recently, the \$11 million Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre opened on Williams Street. The attractive new space boasts a museum and art gallery as well as a state-of-the-art library. Late last year, iconic department store Blackwell's completed its rebuild after operating for more than four years in temporary premises.

Kaiapoi Promotion Association Event Coordinator Jacqui Jeffrey says there is real excitement in the community.

"The library is a very cool space, it's awesome actually. There are several new builds underway or coming up on Williams Street. The old Bank of New Zealand building on the corner of Charles and Williams streets has been much debated and now there are plans to restore it. If they come to fruition, it will be wonderful as we've lost so many heritage buildings. Once you get key holes sorted, it kind of feels like you are gaining momentum."

Michael Blackwell says finishing the rebuild of Blackwell's department store was "massive".

"We are talking about Kaiapoi moving forward, and Canterbury ... well, we are just a small cog in that. We've had a long battle since the September 2010 earthquake but the joy with Kaiapoi is that we are in the middle of a functioning town, a town that's growing.

"The future looks very bright after the devastation we've all suffered. There are still a lot of issues for individual residents but progressively more and more people are moving on. 2015 for a lot of people is just like 'square one' – we're away now."

With Kaiapoi's growth, car parking is starting to become an issue but Jacqui Jeffrey says business groups are working with Waimakariri District Council to find a solution.

"2015 for a lot of people is just like 'square one' – we're away now."

Michael Blackwell

What else is new in Kaiapoi?

- Playground and skate park at Trousselot Park
- Kaiapoi Riverside Bowling Club (Hinemoa Park)
- Rebuild of Kaiapoi Working Men's Club restaurant completed

What's coming up?

- Restoration of the BNZ building (first built about 1883)
- Coastguard building (under construction) ■



Things are looking up in Kaiapoi: Michael Blackwell and Jacqui Jeffrey say Kaiapoi has become a hub of activity and that's putting smiles on people's faces.

Waimakariri community celebrates rebuild milestones

Two important community assets have been officially opened in the Waimakariri district.

Thousands turned out to see Mayor David Ayers officially open the new Ashley River bridge at Cones Road, Rangiora late last month. The \$11 million two-lane bridge (funded by New Zealand Transport Agency and Waimakariri District Council) is reinforced concrete with separate cycle lanes and footpath. The official opening was a colourful affair with pedestrians, cyclists, a steam traction engine (to mirror the original bridge's opening in 1912), veteran cars and a pipe band. The old bridge was prone to closure due to flood risk and will be demolished once the approaches to the new bridge and road markings are complete.

Prime Minister John Key officially re-opened the Oxford Town Hall on 19 February. The historic art deco building was badly damaged in the September 2010 earthquake. It has now undergone earthquake strengthening and has been extended and refurbished.

Waimakariri Mayor David Ayers says completion of the repair and refurbishment of the town hall and community centre is a great step forward for the local community. ■

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Thousands turned out to celebrate the official opening of the new Ashley River bridge.

Bridge repairs in the city

Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) is around 68 per cent of the way through repairs to over 100 earthquake-damaged bridges and culverts in Christchurch.

Bridges are significant pieces of infrastructure. Repairs often require challenging engineering solutions and traffic management.

The repair time for each bridge varies, but it can often take many months.

Last year SCIRT completed repairs to the Avondale bridge, Colombo

Street bridge, Armagh Street bridge and Stanmore Road bridge – just to name a few. Here’s a snapshot of some of the bridge repairs happening across the city this year.

New work – just getting started

Moorhouse Ave overbridge: a hive of activity underneath!

One major SCIRT repair, which started in February, is to the Moorhouse Avenue overbridge over Colombo Street.

SCIRT’s Downer crew is working under the overbridge, which is currently being partly supported on temporary steel cross braces. These need to be removed and a permanent repair constructed.

To keep traffic moving along this wide arterial route, including the overbridge, the work is being carefully staged over 20 months.

- The overbridge is open to traffic in both directions – watch for changing traffic management.

- Parking under the overbridge and along the slip lanes is not available – please take care when travelling through the slip lanes.
- Access to nearby businesses is open.

Waltham Road rail overbridge

SCIRT’s Downer team starts repairs to Waltham Road rail overbridge this month. Work includes repairing the concrete columns under the bridge, the bridge joints and handrails. Footpath and surfacing work will also be done. The repairs are expected to take around three months to complete. Traffic management will be changing – watch for electronic signage.



Downer crew members Dean Bennett, project engineer, and Phil Owen, project manager at the Moorhouse Ave overbridge site.

In progress – the end is in sight

Antigua Street footbridge welcomed home!

The Antigua Street footbridge near the Antigua Boatsheds and Christchurch Hospital is coming back together again after the curved steel structure was removed last year for repair off-site.

Last month, a crowd gathered around the site as SCIRT’s Downer team lifted the rebuilt steel structure (the arched underside) back into position on new abutments.

A new concrete deck, surfacing and handrails are being put in place,

and the ends of the footbridge will be smoothed onto the adjoining footpaths and cycleways. The bridge is expected to re-open in April.

Gayhurst Road bridge

Work replacing the Gayhurst Road bridge, which began in April last year, is progressing well. Earlier this year, SCIRT’s McConnell Dowell team installed 22 bridge beams for the new bridge deck. A 180-tonne crane was used to install the beams, the heaviest of which weighed 24 tonnes. Work is on track for the bridge to re-open mid year.

Bridge Street bridge

The Bridge Street bridge was closed to traffic for a weekend earlier this year so the bridge could be jacked back down on to its rebuilt abutments. This is one of the final stages of rebuilding the bridge. The bridge is expected to open again in April/May.

Other bridge repairs due to finish this year:

- Fendalton Road bridge – March/ April
- Triumphal Arch/Bridge of Remembrance – September.



Downer project manager Alex Mowe and bridge designer Campbell Apthorp watched from the sidelines as the Antigua Street footbridge was lowered back into place last month.

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Coming up – on the ‘to do’ list this year

- Repairs are scheduled to start on the Anzac Drive bridge in 2015 – this will be the last of SCIRT’s major bridge repairs.
- Work on the Carlton Mill footbridge in Little Hagley Park is also set to start later this year.

- More information about these and other bridge projects SCIRT is working on, is available at: strongerchristchurch.govt.nz
- See SCIRT’s latest progress statistics at: www.strongerchristchurch.govt.nz/more-progress

Your thoughts on the rebuild:

We spoke to people on the street about how they see rebuild progress in greater Christchurch. They gave us their thoughts on what is working and what challenges them on a day-to-day basis.



Danielle Kirsopp, Rolleston.

What excites you about the rebuild?

I'm excited about the future prospects for my children. I think right now it's a transition phase but once we're on the other side of that I'm quite excited to see what the future holds for them.

What do you think could be done better?

I live and work out of town but it's hard coming back in and seeing that there's not much progress. It's been quite slow but I understand why that is, so it's not something I'm complaining about. It is mainly because I grew up here [in Christchurch] and it's quite heartbreaking to see. We are pretty fortunate out in the Selwyn district.



Allan Ball, Avondale.

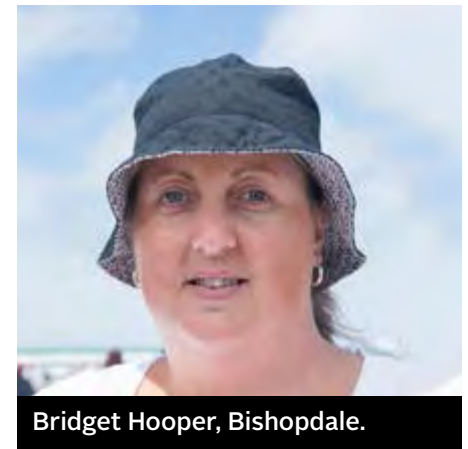
What excites you about the rebuild?

Not terribly much. I'm not really excited. Everything is starting to take shape but I want to know what they are going to do with the Cathedral for instance.

What do you think could be done better?

The time it's taking. It's taking forever. Four years out of it now, there's all the Council stuff I suppose, insurances; it goes on and on. I can't say I'm terribly excited about anything, but we've had to put up with it and live with it and that's our lot.

I think QEII is a big issue for people who live on the east side. That's the main thing.*



Bridget Hooper, Bishopdale.

What excites you about the rebuild?

Some of the new buildings in the central city are really cool. The opportunities for my children, and just seeing the buildings [in the central city] finally happening is pretty cool. Community events are still happening which I also think is really cool.

What do you think could be done better?

The road works and diversions, and just trying to keep up-to-date with where the roads are blocked. I travel every day on the roads and it can be quite an issue.**

* Last month, Education Minister Hekia Parata announced that Queen Elizabeth II Park (QEII) is the preferred relocation and co-location site of Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School. QEII is also the preferred site for Christchurch City Council's eastern recreation and sport centre.

** The best place to find out what's happening with roadworks is: www.tfc.govt.nz SCIRT has so repaired or replaced 483,776 square metres of road (37% of its roading programme).

Housing New Zealand repairs programme well on track

The job of repairing up to 5,000 earthquake-damaged Housing New Zealand properties in Christchurch is well on track to reach completion later this year.

Over 95 per cent of homes owned by Housing New Zealand suffered some type of earthquake damage.

Approximately 20,000 people lived in these homes spread across most greater Christchurch suburbs.

As at the end of February 2015, 3,374 homes had been repaired with an average of 200 homes repaired each month.

Approximately 1,000 workers are involved in all Housing New Zealand repair and new home build programmes in Christchurch.

Repairs are organised on a suburb-by-suburb, street-by-street basis as much as possible to make it easier for both contractors and tenants.

Housing New Zealand's Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Programme General Manager Paul Commons says repairing earthquake-damaged properties has also provided an opportunity to improve the quality of Housing New Zealand's social housing stock in the region.

Floor coverings, ventilation, heating, insulation and other upgrades have been incorporated into the repair programmes.

As required, tenants are moved into temporary accommodation during repairs and Housing New Zealand arranges furniture storage, rubbish removal, transport and other support.

Mr Commons says it is encouraging that repairs are ahead of schedule at the start of what will be the busiest

year for Housing New Zealand in greater Christchurch. It is also on track to complete the construction of up to 700 new homes across greater Christchurch by the end of 2015. ■

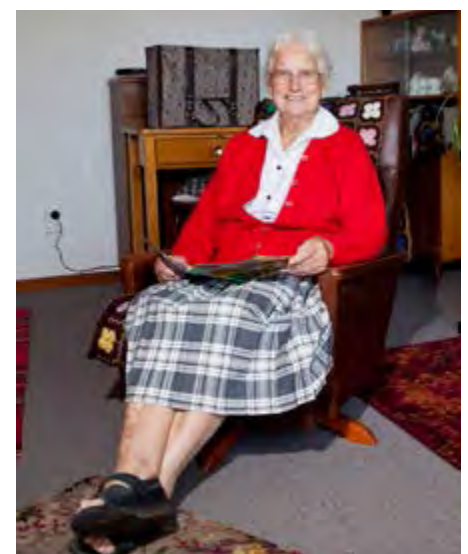
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Housing New Zealand tenant Bessie Warman, from Mairehau, is all smiles in her freshly repaired home. It is one of thousands of state houses to be repaired as part of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Programme.

New Rolleston-to-Lincoln cycleway planned

Selwyn residents will soon have a new cycleway to enjoy.

Selwyn is one of 13 areas to receive funding from a new Urban Cycleway Fund. Transport Minister Simon Bridges says this is the beginning of a programme that will change the face of cycleways in New Zealand, using clever funding leveraging.

In Selwyn, the funding will go towards creating a new 9-kilometre cycleway linking the district's two largest towns, Rolleston and Lincoln.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says the Council is delighted to receive funding for the project. "We expect the cycleway will be well used by students travelling to Lincoln High School, people commuting to work and Selwyn residents using the new cycleway to access community facilities in both townships."

The development of a new cycleway between Rolleston and Lincoln was programmed for the future, but the national funding assistance will enable the project to be completed this year. Construction of the new cycleway is expected to be completed by mid 2015.

The development of the cycleway is being jointly funded, with \$300,000 coming from the Government's Urban Cycleway Fund, and the New Zealand Transport Agency and Selwyn District Council each providing \$275,000.

The cycleway will add to a growing number of tracks being developed in Selwyn as part of the Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy, including the Little River Rail Trail which currently has an 11-kilometre-long link between Hornby, Prebbleton and Lincoln. ■

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A new 9-kilometre cycleway is expected to be linking Rolleston and Lincoln by the middle of the year.

Get to know your neighbours better – with cake!

For many of us, the experience of the past four years has changed the meaning of the term 'knowing your neighbour'.

We've proven to be a resilient bunch, but there's still a lot to do. The Neighbourhood Project encourages us to continue to build stronger communities together – in a fun way.

So, during the last weekend in March 2015, take the opportunity to get to know your neighbours a little better – over the fence, over the rugby, or over a cuppa and cake. Whether they're young or old, are new to the neighbourhood or have been there for years, the Neighbourhood Project thinks that knowing your neighbour is a piece of cake!

Get involved on Piece of Cake weekend (28–29 March)

- **Grab a postcard to help you learn your neighbours' names.** Free postcards will be available in libraries, cafés and public places in the weeks leading up to the Piece of Cake weekend.
- **Invite your neighbours over for coffee and cake.** Invitation templates are available at raranga.org.nz/pieceofcake

- **Upload photos of your cake, slice, barbecue or backyard cricket match** to the Neighbourhood Project Facebook page (www.facebook.com/theneighbourhoodproject).
- **Look out for the Neighbourhood Project's video on Facebook** showing why knowing your neighbour is a piece of cake – share it with your friends!
- **Share a recipe** online with the Project or directly with your neighbour.
- **Share your video** of how good neighbours make great neighbourhoods.

To find out more, visit: raranga.org.nz/pieceofcake, look up the Neighbourhood Project on Facebook or follow it (and tweet it!) on Twitter: [@pieceofcakechch](https://twitter.com/pieceofcakechch), [#theneighbourhoodproject](https://twitter.com/theneighbourhoodproject) ■



Cake, barbecue or backyard cricket: How could you connect with your neighbours later this month?



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Summer OF Fun

TODDLERS' FUN DAY A BIG SUCCESS

A small army of toddlers (with grown-up supporters in tow) demonstrated how to put on a party recently in Rangiora.

An estimated 2,000 people attended the Toddlers' Big Day Out at Victoria Park as part of the Summer of Fun series of free community events.

Rangiora mother Belinda Topp organised the afternoon of fun and exploration for toddlers. Her aim was to give parents a break along with some creative ideas for entertaining their children. Face painting, a clown, enchanting fairies, a tumbling toddlers' area, a colouring-in tent, a play area with toys, and a mini soccer game were among the entertainments on offer.

Organisations that took part in the Toddlers' Big Day Out included local preschools, Porse, Plunket, Rangiora Playcentre, St John Youth, Christchurch Multiple Birth Club and Waimakariri District Council. A number of local businesses provided sponsorship, including major sponsor Michelle Nelson at Bayleys Real Estate.

The 2014/15 Summer of Fun series of free community events ends on 28 March so you might still catch the following events.

EVENT & LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Community Fun Day - St Luke's Anglican Church, South Brighton	Sat 21 March	11am - 2pm
Pop-up Cinema - Trousselot Park, Kaiapoi	Sat 21 March	6.30pm - 10pm
Cust Village Picnic and Planting	Sun 22 March*	10am - 2pm
Springfield School & Community Family Fun Day - Springfield School	Sun 22 March**	10am - 3pm
Beckenham Fair and Fun Day - Beckenham Methodist Church	Sat 28 March	9am - 2pm



* Rescheduled from 22 February 2015. ** Rescheduled from 6 February 2015. Please note events are subject to change. Before you head out, check: bethere.co.nz for the details.

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

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What's on...

Coffee Culture Le Race

Saturday 21 March, 8am
Cathedral Square – Akaroa

Iconic 100km cycling race from Central Christchurch to Akaroa with a mix of challenging hill climbs, fast flat and exhilarating downhills.



Free



Le Sud
14 March–18 April, 7.30pm, The Court Theatre
Delectably provocative Kiwi comedy, rewritten for post-quake Christchurch audiences.
Tickets: \$27–\$56



The Star City 2 Surf
Sunday 22 March, 9am and 10am
Centennial Park – Hansen Park – Ferrymead
The Star City 2 Surf is a fun event for all, the young and old, the serious and not so serious, individuals, teams, schools and families. \$20



ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 Fanzone
Saturday 21 March, 12pm
Victoria Square
Pack a picnic and head down to Victoria Square's ICC Cricket World Cup Fanzone to back the Black Caps on the big screen.



Christchurch Holi – Indian Festival of Colours
Saturday 21 March, 11am–3pm, The Commons
Bringing life and colour to the central city, it is a day to forget your worries and enjoy traditional Indian games, performances and dance.
General admission: \$15



Mainland Tactix vs Central Pulse
Monday 16 March, 6.40pm
Horncastle Arena
\$10–\$60



Super 8 Boxing
Saturday 28 March
6.45pm
Horncastle Arena
From \$59



Woolston Gala
Saturday 28 March
11am–3pm
Woolston Park, Ferry Road



Ed Sheeran
Wednesday 8 April
7.30pm
Horncastle Arena
\$100.50 + BF



The Great Kiwi Beer Festival
Saturday 28 March, 1.30am–7pm,
Hagley Park North
A celebration of the brewing industry. Sample brews from diverse locales spanning the length and breadth of NZ, Europe and Asia. From \$39.90 + BF



Sunday Bandstand
Sunday 22 March,
12.30pm–2pm
Central Lawn, Botanic Gardens & Cave Rock, Sumner

The events featured on this page are just a selection of what's happening in Christchurch over the next few weeks. Find out more online. ■

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