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*The voice of the Canterbury rebuild*

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Wainoni Primary School students Layla (9), D'Yani (10), Gerzey (10) and Dreana (10) were among those from Avondale, Wainoni and Aranui primary schools who led the crowd in a waiata at the opening of the Aranui Wainoni Community Centre.

## Smiles all round for new community centre

No strangers to adversity, the Aranui and Wainoni communities now have plenty to smile about with the recent opening of a new community facility, to replace what they lost in the earthquakes.

A large crowd attended the opening of the new Aranui Wainoni Community Centre on 19 May at Wainoni Park. The local community played a part in designing

the purpose-built centre and was the first to be there to celebrate its opening with smiles, tears, waiata and haka.

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## REGENERATE CHRISTCHURCH

**André Lovatt**  
Regenerate Christchurch Chair

Over the last few weeks, as Regenerate Christchurch has been getting up and running, the members of the Board and I have been meeting with community groups across the city.

While doing this, we've all been extremely impressed with not only the passion and the level of commitment for the regeneration of the city, but also the amount of work that has been carried out in so many quarters.

People with great ideas have been working hard to develop concepts, projects or integrated plans that they believe will make a difference

to the future of the city. Their work has been inspired by their own experiences and the needs of their local community, and supported by a large group of volunteers.

A particular theme that has come up time and time again is "What sort of city will we leave for our children and the generations to follow?" This is accompanied by a real sense that the work we are undertaking now will lay the foundations for future generations and the opportunity that this creates.

The Board has spoken to a wide spectrum of our community and it

has been impressed upon us how important it is to provide as many opportunities as possible for local people to meaningfully engage with the planning process and participate in its development.

We are extremely grateful that so many people have already given freely of their time – in early morning meetings and evening presentations – to share their vision of Christchurch's regeneration with us.

I am inspired by the leadership so many local people have shown in developing their vision for the city's regeneration. Our approach from here will be to build on what they have created, and continue to involve them in the process, to ensure their views, ideas and energy are reflected in the future of the city. ■

*Regenerate Christchurch is a joint Christchurch City Council–Crown entity established to lead regeneration activities across Christchurch, with a focus on the central city, Christchurch's residential red zone and New Brighton.*



## CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

**Karleen Edwards**  
Christchurch City Council Chief Executive

Recently I spent time with the leaders of the new rebuild partners Regenerate Christchurch, Ōtākaro Limited and Development Christchurch Limited to hear their views on the city's rebuild. It is fantastic to have these key entities fully immersed in our rebuild programme, and I am particularly excited about working together towards a common goal: to make Christchurch a great place where people want to be.

In this issue we celebrate new beginnings, and the opening of the new Aranui Wainoni Community Centre is an excellent example of this theme. The purpose-built centre was opened by the Mayor and Aranui Community Trust Chair, Rob Davidson, on Thursday 19 May, much to the delight of the community, who had

input into the design of the centre. It will provide a space for cultural, recreational and educational activities and events for many years to come.

We are also excited to release the concept plans for the new Lichfield Street car park. This facility will provide much-needed car-parking space in the central city and will support the predicted influx of people who are to work and shop in the central city when the new Justice and Emergency Services Precinct, and Plymouth Lane and The Terrace retail and hospitality complexes open. The car park will also benefit our existing retailers housed in Re:START Mall as well as Ballantynes and neighbouring retailers, cafés and restaurants.

With the end of Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT)

looming, and the completion of its horizontal infrastructure rebuild and repair programme at the end of this year, we are well placed to implement our own Council-led road resurfacing programme. This work will address earthquake-damaged roads not funded through SCIRT, as well as roads where patch repairs remain following SCIRT work on underground pipes and resealing is required.

On the subject of roads, best of luck to those participating in the Christchurch Airport Marathon this Queen's Birthday weekend. If you are planning on travelling into the city, take note of the road closures featured in this issue, to avoid delays. ■

## Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) progress

89%

of the way through the entire SCIRT work programme



The SCIRT programme will be completed in December 2016

Source: Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT).

# New Brighton a focus for new Development Christchurch head

The man appointed to head Christchurch City Council's development arm says he wants to see new development projects underway in New Brighton within the next 12 months.

Rob Hall has taken on the role of Chief Executive of Development Christchurch Ltd (DCL) and is determined to have a "doing organisation" that delivers good outcomes for Christchurch's communities.

DCL has already made its mark by assisting with developments like the Christchurch Adventure Park and the new Lichfield Street parking building, but Mr Hall says that is just the beginning.

Over the next 12 months he hopes the organisation can make a difference, particularly in New Brighton.

"We have already commenced work at a high level by identifying all of the proposed works into a draft implementation plan for New Brighton. We need to talk to people in the community and to our other regeneration partners about that and also about some specific projects such as the saltwater pools and whether we can potentially help with the Surf Lifesaving Club," Mr Hall says.

Mr Hall will be working with a small team of about 14 staff, most of whom will have specialities in capital investment, development, engagement and project delivery. Extra expertise will be brought in as needed and DCL will also work closely with the Council, Regenerate Christchurch (the joint Crown–Council agency set up to

oversee Christchurch's post-quake regeneration) and Crown company, Ōtākaro Limited.

"A lot has been done to date, but there are some things we want to do differently," Mr Hall says. "We want to be a bit more creative and innovative around our approaches to ensure we can get things moving quickly."

Mr Hall says one of the key things DCL needs to do is demonstrate to the private sector that it means business and can give people confidence about the new regeneration phase.

"We'll be looking at undertaking projects that demonstrate things are moving but we'll need the private sector to come with us, building on the commitment many have already shown," he says.

"For the Council and everyone involved in regenerating our city, there's still an immense amount of work to do," Mr Hall says.

As Chief Executive of a new agency Mr Hall says he wants to communicate effectively with all stakeholders and have more face-to-face engagement with individuals, community groups, developers and investors. He also wants to use social media to keep people informed of DCL's work. ■



Rob Hall has led infrastructure development projects in the United Kingdom, Dubai, Kuwait, Angola and Hong Kong, and is looking forward to bringing a new approach to encouraging development in Christchurch.

*Development Christchurch Limited is Christchurch City Council's commercial development company with a focus on generating investment opportunities in central and wider Christchurch.*

## Meet the rebuild workers



### Brent Cations

**Project manager, Landscape Division, City Care**

#### Where are you from?

I'm from New Brighton. I've lived in Christchurch all my life.

#### What made you want to be part of the rebuild?

I've been with City Care for about seven years. I developed my role from being on the ground as a labourer, to being a foreman, into an engineer to a project manager. I started on Watermark [project in Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct] down by the boatsheds. And I have been involved ever since then in regards to cleaning up the river, then landscaping Margaret Mahy [Family Playground], Remembrance Park and now the Terraces project.

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

The demo phase was quite frustrating as it was quite slow. Talking about "don't knock that building down or what are we going to do with that

building?". But a lot of that is finished and people are starting to see some green space opening up. That really excites me because obviously it's what I'm involved in, and people can see the finished product. It was a plan on paper and it's now transformed into the finished product on the ground. That's really satisfying. Seeing the fish life recover in the river and now seeing people sitting on the banks where we have landscaped – that's really satisfying. A lot more people are coming into town and walking through these spaces, so it's really enjoyable to see that.

#### What challenges you about the rebuild?

There seems to be a lot of red tape and input from different parties and it could be fast-tracked a bit more to speed a few processes up. I realise there are things they have to consider like budgets and things like that – I'm from the east side, New Brighton, and it's been pretty slow over there, but it'll happen.

# World-leading technology keeping workers safe in Port Hills

State-of-the-art early warning systems are being used by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) to help safeguard workers carrying out demolitions and land clearances on Crown-owned properties in the Port Hills residential red zone.

"These can be extremely dangerous sites to work on and safety is our number one priority," says Brenden Winder, LINZ's Group Manager Port Hills. "We'll never be able to make them 100 per cent safe, but we're doing everything we can, including installing some impressive and innovative technology at Deans Head and Shag Rock Reserve."

like dam walls but it's a first for New Zealand, and it's never been used in such dynamic, changing environments like Deans Head and Shag Rock Reserve," Mr Winder says.

"The Valentine's Day earthquake showed that there's a very real risk of cliff collapse and the stream of data that gets fed back to our office is invaluable for keeping our people and contractors safe."

At Deans Head, LINZ has installed 10cm-high prisms around the site, which are tracked by an automated theodolite, a surveying instrument, which is sited on Reserve Spit. Minute changes in the locations of these prisms are picked up and transmitted to the LINZ office, providing early warnings of potential land movement. Near Shag Rock Reserve, a similar early warning system is provided by an automated laser scanner, which measures the cliff face for any changes.

"This technology has been used overseas for monitoring things

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A series of prisms encased in weather-proof housing (foreground) monitor ground movement from Deans Head. The LINZ monitoring container is located on Reserve Spit, Southshore (opposite).

**Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) inherited Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority's responsibilities for clearing Crown-owned properties, and the maintenance of Crown-owned land, in the residential red zones.**

# Insurance settlements – by the numbers

Latest data collected from private insurers and the Earthquake Commission (EQC) shows that progress continues in closing the final portion of claims.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) summarises residential insurance settlement progress in greater Christchurch each quarter and has released the data for the quarter ending March 2016.

In total, 95.5 per cent of the 167,670 claims have been settled, with EQC 98.8 per cent of the way through 141,917 (under-cap and first repair) claims.

In this quarter, 181 under-cap claims and 1,040 over-cap claims were settled.

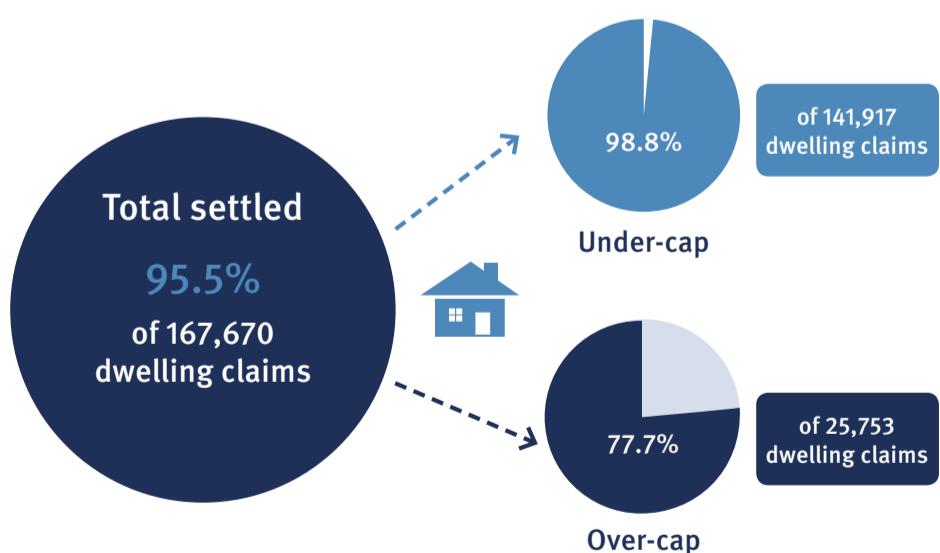
Of the 5,755 unsettled over-cap claims, 81.7 per cent are in construction or have a clear pathway to settlement.

Of the settled over-cap claims, 71 per cent have been externally

settled – either cash settled or customers have bought another house elsewhere – and 29 per cent have been repaired or rebuilt.

The total estimated value of residential dwelling claims for private insurers (over-cap) is now \$8.9 billion.

For more information, go to [mbie.govt.nz](http://mbie.govt.nz)



Residential insurance settlement progress in greater Christchurch as at March 2016.

**Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) inherited Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority's responsibilities for the remaining residential rebuild work including monitoring the pace of insurance settlements, finding solutions for emerging issues and the governance of the Residential Advisory Service. MBIE is also analysing progress in the rebuild.**

# Christchurch Airport Marathon hits city streets

For the Christchurch Airport Marathon, an event that has been held since 1978, last year held special significance. It marked the return of the marathon to the central city, with a fast and picturesque course once again providing a great attraction for race entrants.

This year the course has been changed to reduce its impact on the transport system, but it retains the benefits of staging the event in the city. The route, on Sunday 5 June, will take marathon runners from the start line in Cathedral Square around Hagley Park before heading east along the Ōtākaro/Avon River and finally returning to the city centre finish line.

The Christchurch Airport Marathon was initially inspired by a fast and competitive marathon run at the 1974 Commonwealth Games. English runner Ian Thompson won the marathon in a time that is still the fastest run on New Zealand soil and New Zealander Jack Foster came second in a time that also still holds the national record.

In 1978, inspired by the Commonwealth Games experience, Don Cameron set up the Sedley Wells Midwinter Marathon which later became the Christchurch Marathon. It was the first marathon to incorporate a half marathon and to invite recreational runners to run alongside club participants.

The modern version of the event has built on that legacy and features the marathon, half marathon, 10 kilometre run and kids Mara'Fun.

According to Race Director Chris Cox, the ability for runners to enjoy the best recreation spots in the city, Hagley Park and the Ōtākaro/Avon River, has always been a drawcard and the increase in numbers last year to over 5,000 is testament to this.

## Traffic management for the marathon

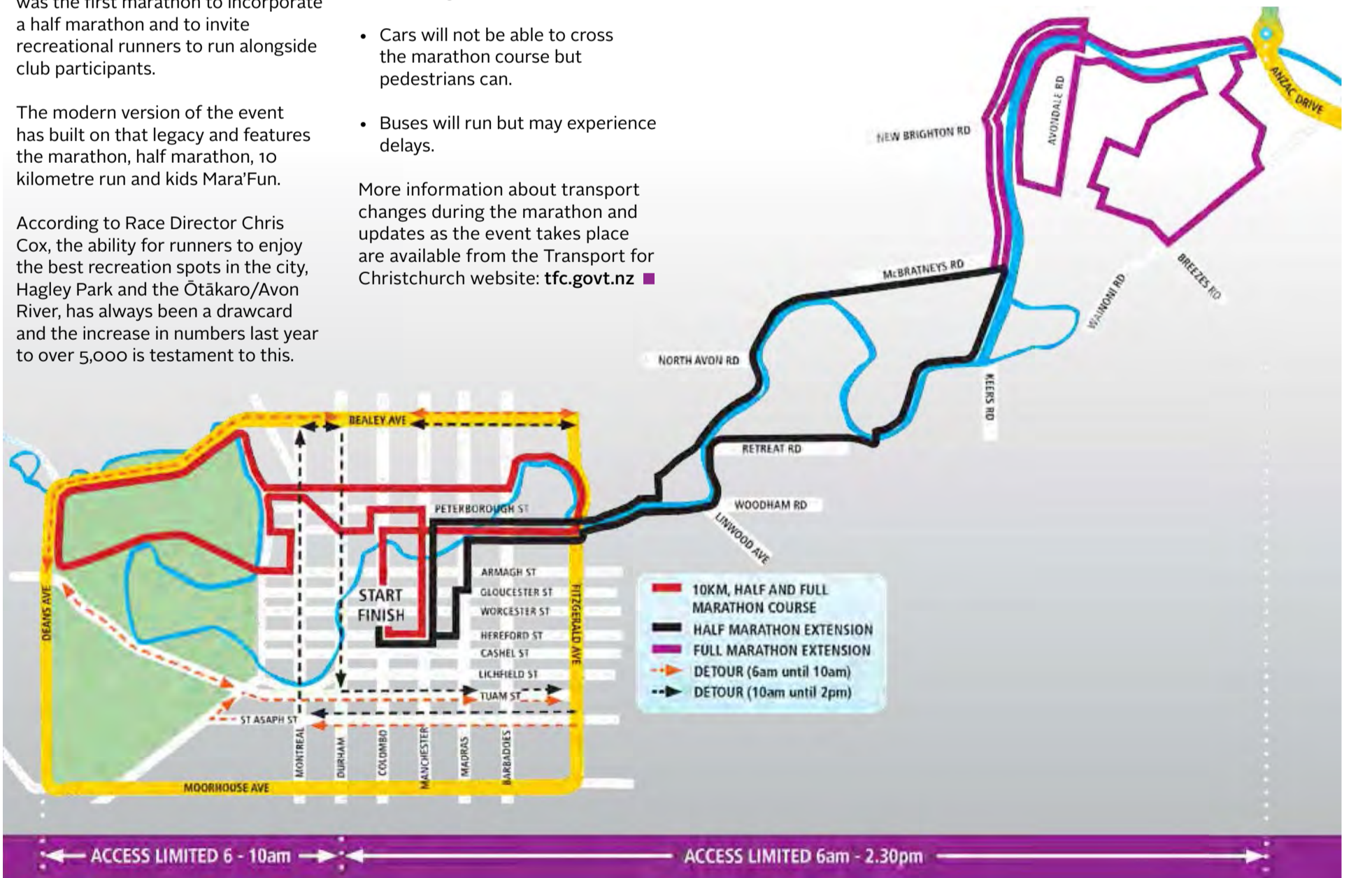
Last year traffic congestion around the marathon caused significant delays to travel around Christchurch. Changes have been made this year which are aimed at reducing delays and improving access.

Marathon organisers are asking people to change their travel plans where possible and avoid unnecessary car travel across the city on the day. The city centre will be open for business, but it is essential to plan your travel carefully. It will not be possible to cross the marathon route by car so walking, cycling, or parking and then walking will be the best ways to access the city.

## What you need to know on Sunday 5 June:

- Traffic restrictions will be in place from 6am until 2pm.
- Race begins at 8am.
- Cars will not be able to cross the marathon course but pedestrians can.
- Buses will run but may experience delays.

More information about transport changes during the marathon and updates as the event takes place are available from the Transport for Christchurch website: [tfc.govt.nz](http://tfc.govt.nz)



# Great Hall re-opening to the public

For the first time since the earthquakes, the community is being welcomed back to the Arts Centre's Great Hall for two open days later this month.



The Arts Centre's beautifully restored Great Hall is open to the public later this month.

On the weekend of 18 and 19 June, the doors will be opened to the stunning historic building that has been extensively strengthened, repaired and restored following the earthquakes.

From 10am-4pm on both days, there will be hands-on family activities, live music, give-aways, competitions and displays – all free of charge.

Visitors to the hall could be forgiven for thinking they have stepped back in time, given the painstaking care that has been taken in restoring all of its beautiful heritage features, including the stunning Memorial Window and timber ceiling. However, carefully hidden beneath the unique and beautiful surface are modern and sustainable technologies that ensure the Great Hall will serve the community better than ever.

The Great Hall is one of a number of spaces that will open at the Arts Centre this year, including the completely refurbished Rutherford's Den, along with a new deli and a sushi shop next to the Canterbury Cheesemongers. Tenants are currently being sought for Boys' High – a building that will feature a diverse mix of specialty retailers including those offering Christchurch and Canterbury fashion, art, design and food.

To find out more about the open days or to hire the hall for an event, visit [artscentre.org.nz](http://artscentre.org.nz)

## Government leaders strengthen local connections

Leaders from 17 government departments and agencies have visited Christchurch to learn first-hand about progress and reaffirm their commitment to tackling challenges of the city's regeneration.

The chief executives were representing Wellington-based departments and agencies that have had a role in the recovery and now regeneration of greater Christchurch. The day-long visit last month also provided opportunities to meet and build relationships with local leaders in the regeneration.

Andrew Kibblewhite, the Chief Executive of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and head of the visiting delegation, says all of the leaders came away with an increased understanding of key issues facing people in greater Christchurch, and how they can add to what their organisations are doing to support those people.

"They have, of course, been acutely aware of what has happened in greater Christchurch and the Government's commitment to the region," Mr Kibblewhite says.

"But spending time in the city together, seeing first-hand what has

been done and what is still to do, and hearing from people working day to day in the region, is invaluable. It gives the leaders context when they are planning how their organisations support the region. Having that many leaders in the city at once also shows clearly the united commitment of Government when it comes to the regeneration."

With the recent closure of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority and new arrangements now in place, the Government's role in the regeneration will change from one of leadership to support of local institutions.

"That doesn't mean any less Government support for greater Christchurch," Mr Kibblewhite says.

"While the role may be changing, the Government is in it for the long haul when it comes to helping New Zealand's second-largest city bounce back and fulfil its potential."



The leaders of various government departments and agencies, with a role in the regeneration of greater Christchurch, recently took the opportunity to see progress first-hand and meet and build relationships with local leaders.

The departments and agencies represented in the visit were the Canterbury District Health Board, Department of Internal Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Earthquake Commission, Housing NZ, Land Information NZ, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Education,

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Transport, NZ Police, NZ Transport Agency, State Services Commission, Statistics NZ and The Treasury. ■

*Sitting within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Greater Christchurch Group's roles include coordinating the Government's involvement in the regeneration of greater Christchurch, providing policy advice to Ministers and Government (including on the future uses of the Christchurch residential red zone), and monitoring and reporting on the overall progress of regeneration.*

## Successful social housing recovery programme winding up

The New Zealand Government's biggest investment in social housing in the South Island's recent history is nearing completion.

Housing New Zealand's Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Programme (CERP) was formed in 2011 to respond to the mammoth task of repairing 5,000 earthquake-damaged properties and to build up to 700 new homes.

As at 30 April 2016, Housing New Zealand had completed 530 new homes, and a further 282 were being constructed or under contract.

With its work either completed or well advanced, the CERP team will officially end its role on 30 June.

It will then bring its work into 'business as usual' within Housing New Zealand's Asset Development Group. The locally based team will continue to progress Housing New Zealand's ongoing plans to build between 100 and 150 new homes in the city annually, Housing New

Zealand Acting Chief Executive Greg Groufsky says.

He says with a budget in excess of \$300 million, the repair and rebuild of the region's social housing is a major contributor to the income that the overall recovery of greater Christchurch and Canterbury is generating.

The CERP office in central Christchurch has been staffed with engineers, tenancy liaison personnel, people with construction backgrounds, strategists and communicators.

The programme in response to the earthquakes is, without doubt, one of the largest Housing New Zealand has ever undertaken.

While the earthquakes caused substantial damage across the region,

Mr Groufsky says they also created an opportunity to make significant improvements to Housing New Zealand's housing stock.

He says Housing New Zealand formed strong working relationships with local consenting authorities, build partners, repair contractors and other important stakeholders, which enabled it to press ahead with its Canterbury programme.

The repair programme was successfully completed in November 2015 – several weeks ahead of schedule.

This saw not only earthquake repairs being completed but also other improvements made to these properties, such as new curtains, carpet, insulation, heating and ventilation. ■



Hundreds of new, warm, dry Housing NZ homes have been built across approximately 30 suburbs throughout greater Christchurch.

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## Transformation of Manchester Street underway

Work is now underway on the Manchester Street transport project, which is part of *An Accessible City* – the transport chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

Work includes widening the road corridor from Kilmore to Lichfield streets to create bus priority lanes, and widening and landscaping footpaths so that commuters and pedestrians can more easily access and move around the central city.

The scheme design for Manchester Street aims to support the route that will become the main north-south public transport 'spine' for the central city bus network between the new Bus Interchange, and key bus routes joining at Hereford and Gloucester streets.

*"The Transport Agency is excited about Christchurch's new transport network."*

Jim Harland  
NZ Transport Agency  
Southern Regional Director

Downer was awarded the contract for the work, which is expected to take around 15 months.

Christchurch City Councillor Phil Clearwater, Chair of the Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee says, "The aim is to provide a travel network to meet the current and future needs of all inner city travellers across a range of travel modes, and a compact, people-friendly city centre. It's exciting to see another piece of work

commence – it means that we're one step closer to that end goal."

Bus priority is a key factor in the plan for the travel network across the city. With the projected future tripling of bus usage in the central city, Christchurch needs to have a high-quality bus experience that is safe, convenient and situated in a well-landscaped, pleasant environment that makes bus transport an attractive travel option for many more people.

"The project provides bus passenger waiting facilities that are sheltered from the weather and real-time travel information at the stops," Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury Commissioner, says.

*An Accessible City* will see routes prioritised for various modes of transport to provide efficient and safe access to and from the central city. This means that there will be different preferred routes to access the central city depending on how people choose to travel.

For those on bikes, one of the best ways to move north-south in the city will be the cycling and walking corridor in the East Frame development that will run parallel to Manchester Street. For motorists, Madras and Barbadoes streets will be the priority routes.

On the Manchester Street work now underway, Albert Brantley, Chief Executive of Ōtākaro Limited, says,

"Two-way traffic will be maintained during initial works; however, street parking will be restricted around the work sites. Downer will keep disruption to a minimum and ensure people are advised ahead of time if there are travel impacts. I urge people to continue to support the businesses in this area during construction."

The project is part of the wider *Accessible City* programme that focuses on providing better central city travel choices for people, no matter how they travel. The key transport themes and projects were initially informed by feedback during Christchurch City Council's 2011 post-earthquake 'Share an Idea' campaign. Public consultation on the scheme design for the Manchester Street transport project took place in April-May 2015 and was approved by Council on 10 September 2015.

*An Accessible City* is being delivered by Christchurch City Council and Ōtākaro Limited, and has been developed in partnership with the New Zealand Transport Agency, Environment Canterbury and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.

The Transport Agency's Southern Regional Director Jim Harland says

it is great to see the next stage of *An Accessible City* started and the city's new transport network taking shape.

"The Transport Agency is excited about Christchurch's new transport network and proud to be investing on behalf of the Government in a network that supports opportunities for growing public transport, safe cycling and walking," Mr Harland says.

Partners in *An Accessible City* thank Christchurch people for their patience during this next phase of construction. Commuters should check [tfc.govt.nz](http://tfc.govt.nz) for up-to-date information on closures or disruptions. ■

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Aranui High School Academy performing a haka at the opening of the Aranui Wainoni Community Centre.

## Community celebrates new centre opening

A rousing haka by local high school students has marked the opening of the new Aranui Wainoni Community Centre.



The purpose-built facility has separate changing rooms for sports teams, indoor and outdoor stages, meeting rooms, office space and a large kitchen.



The hall has a half-sized basketball court, retractable seating and a bamboo sprung floor.

The new centre will provide a place for the local community to once again gather for cultural, recreational and educational activities and events.

The purpose-built centre sits on the site of the demolished Wainoni Family Centre at 31 Hampshire Street. The 967-square-metre building has sports facilities, meeting and office spaces, and kitchen facilities. Its impressive features include retractable seating, a bamboo sprung floor and indoor and outdoor stages.

Hundreds were represented at the opening to witness Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel and Aranui Community Trust (ACTIS) Chair Rob Davidson officially cut the ribbon.

Mayor Dalziel says from the two community halls that Aranui and Wainoni lost as a result of the earthquakes has come a magnificent facility that will be the heart and soul of those communities.

"Locals played an important role in helping design the centre and I think they should be proud of the end result. It's been an incredible journey and the centre is a true reflection of the hard work, vision and partnership between a number of groups, organisations and members of the community. The beautiful paddles at the front of the

building represent the journey that the community has gone through and what it will be able to achieve in the future," says Mayor Dalziel.

A total of \$5.9 million was set aside for the facility, including generous contributions from Lions Clubs International Foundation (\$450,000) and the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust (\$1 million, including \$500,000 from an anonymous donor).

Digby Prosser, Lions International Liaison, says the opening of the new centre was "a moment of great pride" for the Lions and being involved in the project has been a great privilege.

"Lions Clubs grants are all about community recovery, and as the perfect embodiment of this cause, the new Aranui Wainoni Community Centre has been a major project for us.

"We're delighted to have played a part in building the new community centre – its opening is the realisation of four years of working closely with the Christchurch City Council and Aranui Community Trust, and the community will benefit from this collaboration for years to come."

To find out more, go to: [ccc.govt.nz](http://ccc.govt.nz)

## New Aranui Wainoni facility a boost for local community

Aranui and Wainoni's "beautiful" new community centre is exactly the lift the community needs, locals say.

Hundreds recently attended the opening of the brand-new Aranui Wainoni Community Centre.

Aranui Community Trust (ACTIS) Chair Rob Davidson says over time the centre will become a focal point of activity for the people of Aranui.

"It is important that this wonderful new facility becomes a vital hub of activity in this community in the years to come and I'm confident that will be the case. It is a wonderful building, it holds much promise and I'm confident it will be an outstanding success for the future," Mr Davidson says.

*"The vision we have is for this place to be vibrant, accessible, affordable and relevant – now it's up to us to make that happen."*

Rob Davidson  
ACTIS Chair

ACTIS will manage the centre in partnership with Christchurch City Council. Mr Davidson says on the official opening day alone, they had over 40 enquiries from local groups and organisations about using the facility. People were interested in booking it for workshops, board meetings, conferences, yoga and sports and as a practice and performance space for kapa haka and other cultural groups.

"The vision we have is for this place to be vibrant, accessible, affordable and relevant – now it's up to us to make that happen."

He's thrilled that Christchurch City Council is funding a full-time coordinator for the first three years to manage activities at the venue.

"If we can get the right coordinator and develop the right programmes, it will hum."

Wainoni School Principal Audrie McKenzie says the new community centre is a lovely treasure for the area.

"It is a focus for our tamariki as they take part in gatherings, sports and cultural events. It will be a place

of hope and opportunities for our children who are the essential heart of the neighbourhood. They will be able to stand tall knowing they belong to a community that values them."

Māori warden Hutika Crofts-Gibbs says the opening of the new venue is really important for the local community.

"When the earthquakes first happened, you know, Aranui did it hard, as did a lot of others. But a lot of people here wouldn't leave their homes – this is their stomping ground. So to see this for the kids is great, they are just going to be busy. And the colours, you know, everything is so vibrant. It's beautiful inside."

She says the facility is way overdue and at times she doubted it would eventuate.

"You know when you are walking through the mist and you just can't see the light ... and it [the new centre] is just so beautiful."

She says the centre has come at the right time with the opening of the new Haeata Community Campus school (Aranui) next year. The school, catering for Years 1-13, is under construction and will replace Aranui, Wainoni and Avondale primary schools and Aranui High School.

"That's a really big thing for the kids to have to go through so the timing of this [new centre] is good for them."

Kaumātua Harirota (Sally) Pitama says the facility is a tribute to Lianne Dalziel's commitment to the east – which she had made even before becoming Mayor of Christchurch.

"Te kotahi tangata – we will achieve together," says Sally Pitama.



Hutika Crofts-Gibbs and Harirota (Sally) Pitama say the new centre is "amazing". In the background, paddles represent the journey the community has gone on and hope for the future.



Sienna (6) and Grayson (5) enjoyed the opening day celebrations. The family lives in the area and dad Les Wilson says Wainoni Park, where the new centre is situated, has been a hub for the community since the earthquakes. He says the new Aranui Library borders the park as well and the two new facilities are bringing a much-needed lift to the community.



Chance (14), who attends a local college, says the new facility will be a more secure place where people can be together and feel safe.

## Wall of Fame

Internationally-renowned street artist Dcypher returned to his home town of Christchurch last month to create a unique, colourful, Kiwiana-themed mural to brighten the Wharenui Recreation Centre.

Dcypher (a.k.a. Guy Ellis) has already lived up Christchurch with some of his inventive art, including the "Welcome to Christ Church" mural on the Bootleg BBQ restaurant on Welles Street. Currently based in Los Angeles, Dcypher was invited back to Christchurch for the job with the aid of George Shaw, Director of Oi YOU!, who recently held the successful Spectrum Street Art Festival at the YMCA.

The mural is a colourful way for the Wharenui Recreation Centre to announce its long-awaited comeback to the world. The popular Christchurch City Council facility

was closed in February 2011 after sustaining earthquake damage, and is being repaired and strengthened to 100 per cent of the New Building Standard (NBS). The building will re-open on Friday 1 July 2016. The adjacent swimming pool building has remained open since the quakes, and will be repaired to 67 per cent NBS.

Before its closure due to quake damage, Wharenui Recreation Centre was a popular location for the public and pupils from local schools for basketball, exercise classes, badminton and martial arts.



## Major milestone for Lichfield Street parking building

A major step forward for the city-centre rebuild has been taken with the award of the design and build tender for the Lichfield Street parking building.

Construction of the car park is due to start in July. A consortium led by Clearwater Construction, and including DHC Consulting, DH Steel Construction and MAP Architects, won the contract for this work.

- electric charging for motor vehicles
- cycle parking
- a retail area activating Plymouth Lane and Lichfield Street.

The parking building will provide 804 parking spaces and 953 square metres of retail space.

Christchurch City Council Transport Operations Manager Steffan Thomas says parking will be an increasingly significant issue as the number of people living, working and shopping in the city centre continues to increase.

The features of the parking building will include:

- pedestrian connections to Ballantynes and the Guthrey Centre
- electronic signage indicating the availability of parks – green and red lights will show users which parks are available

"It is excellent to have a key piece of parking infrastructure underway to meet these needs."

The project is expected to be completed in mid 2017. ■



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## Repair of the ASB Football Park stadium and grandstand

Work to repair earthquake damage sustained by the ASB Football Park stadium and grandstand is underway from Monday 6 June until mid August.

The facility – formerly known as English Park – will remain open for events and to the public throughout the works, but the access path from Cranford Street will be closed for some time for its own repairs. An alternative access path has been established.

Other work includes repairs to the bridge and handrail, repairs to minor cracks in concrete walls and floors, reinstating areas of subsidence around the building, and reinstating the building's waterproofing and landscaping.

For more information, go to: [ccc.govt.nz](http://ccc.govt.nz) ■

*Nau Mai Haere Mai.*  
**Welcome to...  
You tell us?**

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Artist's impression. The Oxford Service Centre and Library building as viewed from Main Street, Rangiora.

## Oxford Service Centre and Library rebuild imminent

In the Waimakariri district, while the most obvious damage of the Canterbury earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 fell on Kaiapoi, the aftermath continues to be experienced throughout the district.

As a result of the earthquakes, the Oxford Service Centre and Library building suffered some structural damage. As an interim measure, and to keep the building at the preferred safety level of 67 per cent of New Building Standard, a number of large concrete blocks were placed in support of the exterior walls.

Permanent strengthening work, however, was a necessity. After thorough assessment of the building, a team of architects and engineers recommended that a partial demolition of the eastern section of the building would provide a safer long-term solution.

Architects Warren & Mahoney drew up the plans and created the concepts.

The eastern side of the building, currently used for library materials, will be demolished and rebuilt.

This work will mean more windows, including a north-facing aspect, can be added, allowing more natural light into the building and providing a high-standard reading area. It will also allow for more useable floor

space by removing two storage rooms and a toilet.

The reconstruction of the Oxford Service Centre has been designed to complement the neighbouring Oxford Town Hall, another building that was structurally affected by the earthquakes. After being closed during 2014 for earthquake strengthening and for rebuilding in some areas, the Town Hall was re-opened by Prime Minister John Key on Thursday 19 February 2015.

The Oxford Service Centre reconstruction is scheduled to begin in August 2016 and is estimated to be completed by May 2017. During the construction period, the library will operate from the nearby Pearson Park pavilion. ■

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Eastern view of the planned new building.



North-facing windows will provide good, natural reading light.

## Plan released to guide development in Malvern and Ellesmere



The draft Malvern Area Plans propose looking at opportunities to provide more housing options near Darfield's centre, and completing a town centre study of issues like transport, beautification and business land.

Selwyn District Council is inviting submissions on draft Area Plans for Malvern and Ellesmere.

"The Area Plans will guide the growth of townships in Ellesmere and Malvern through to 2031," says Strategy and Policy Planner Andrew Mactier. "The plans include options for where residential and business development could occur, if needed, and future Council infrastructure and services projects that may be needed in different townships."

Although the Area Plans do not re-zone any land, they will inform the District Plan Review, which starts this year, along with other Council plans and privately initiated plan changes.

The draft Area Plans were prepared following a series of community drop-in sessions and consultation held in August 2015.

You can find a copy of the draft Area Plans at Selwyn District Council libraries and service centres, where you can also make submissions. Or go to: [selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans](http://selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans)

Submissions are open until midday on Monday 13 June 2016. ■

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Staff gathered around the central atrium under the floating stairwell at the official opening of the new Environment Canterbury headquarters by Prime Minister John Key in May.

## Environment Canterbury moves back into the city

Prime Minister John Key officially opened Environment Canterbury's newly rebuilt central city headquarters in May, marking the return of the organisation's 410 staff to the central city.

Environment Canterbury staff have been spread around Christchurch suburbs and Lincoln in eight buildings since the February 2011 earthquake.

Environment Canterbury Chair Dame Margaret Bazley says rebuilding in the South Frame was the best way to do show support for the rebuild of central Christchurch. The other priority was to get staff back together under one roof.

The building sits on base isolators for earthquake safety (and is 120 per cent of code); uses groundwater for energy-efficient cooling and heating; and provides 120 cycle parks and 50 car parks.

The landscaped front area of the building features eight kōhatu

mauri – boulders with life force. They are koha (gifts) from the 10 Rūnanga of the Canterbury region. The boulders are arranged in the night sky formation of Puaka and Matariki, and represent the geographical reach of the Council's work and the strength of the relationship with Ngāi Tahu. Collectively these kōhatu hold the essence of the air, land, water and people from across the region. ■

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## Remaining land resolutions underway

The Earthquake Commission (EQC) is resolving the last 11 per cent of properties with outstanding land claims (excluding Crown-owned residential red zone properties).

"From a total of 73,000 properties with an open land claim, there are now around 8,000 needing to be resolved by EQC," says EQC Head of Canterbury Land Settlement, Keith Land.

EQC is aiming to complete these by the end of the year, with the majority of work focusing on claims for Increased Liquefaction Vulnerability (ILV) and Increased Flooding Vulnerability (IFV) land damage.

Along with resolving the remaining 40 per cent of IFV claims, the priority is to settle the claims of the approximately 4,400 ILV customers, which is to begin in late June.

Most ILV settlements will likely be based on a property's market value loss, called Diminution of Value (DOV). This is because, where the house has remained in place after the earthquakes (as many have), there will not generally be repair methods available to repair ILV damage on the property.

The first payments made in late June will be to those ILV customers whose settlements are based on DOV.

Work is also underway to determine the settlements for ILV customers whose payments could be based on repair cost.

A dedicated team that will case manage these customers will start

contacting them early this month to understand their plans for rebuilding on the site and whether the plans include any ground repair.

EQC is assessing all residential land claims across Canterbury in a consistent way – whether the claims are for green zone properties or for red zone properties whose owners did not accept a Crown offer.

While resolving claims for green zone and red zone properties not owned by the Crown continues to be a priority, EQC is working with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), which has taken over management of the approximately 7,000 Crown red zone properties.

"We expect to agree a settlement approach with LINZ in the second half of 2016, applying the same policies EQC has used to settle green zone claims," says Mr Land.

For more information on the approach to land claims and their settlement, go to: [eqc.govt.nz/land](http://eqc.govt.nz/land) ■

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 Kōwhiri Raukawa



Blessing of the kōhatu mauri by representatives from five of Canterbury's ten Rūnanga, in front of the new Environment Canterbury building at its official opening last month.

## Work on road resurfacing to continue

A large-scale Christchurch City Council-led road resurfacing programme will follow the work of Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) when SCIRT finishes the last of its rebuild and repair programme.

The Council has been preparing to continue with work on the city's horizontal infrastructure when the SCIRT programme of work ends.

SCIRT is an alliance that was set up by the Council, New Zealand Government and key contractors after the earthquakes to carry out horizontal infrastructure repairs. Over five years, SCIRT has been progressing with repair and rebuild work that will provide the city with reliable, functional and often more resilient infrastructure.

SCIRT work is expected to be complete by the end of 2016; however, this does not mean work on the city's infrastructure will stop. The Council is ensuring ongoing work is included in upcoming budgets and maintenance programmes.

The Council's Head of Transport Chris Gregory says \$100 million is budgeted



Contractors dig out the footpath as part of the Petrie Street repairs in Richmond.

over the next 10 years, over and above normal maintenance work, to smooth the bumpiest roads across the city. The priority will be on major roads, with almost three-quarters of the most immediate work taking place in the central city and eastern suburbs.

"The Council is working closely with the New Zealand Transport Agency to

jointly fund this work and ensure the city's roads are repaired to a standard that meets the new demands from changes in traffic patterns and flows.

"We are committed to completing the ongoing work to the city's earthquake-damaged roads as quickly as possible and moving back to the normal programme of maintenance and improvements to the roads."

The road resurfacing work will address earthquake-damaged roads not funded through the SCIRT programme of work, as well as roads where patch repairs remain following SCIRT work on underground pipes and resealing is required. ■



Making progress on the road repair and surfacing of Petrie Street, between Shirley Road and Warden Street.

## Wider strategy to fix and maintain pipes and roads

The resurfacing work is part of a wider Christchurch City Council strategy of ongoing repairs and maintenance to roads and underground water and waste pipes after SCIRT is gone.

The Infrastructure Strategy 2015-45 outlines how the Council will fund infrastructure repairs and maintenance over the next 30 years. The strategy prioritises the repair of earthquake-damaged infrastructure in the first 10 years, to address damage not covered by the SCIRT repair programme.

The Council's Head of Three Waters John Mackie heads up the Infrastructure Programme Steering Group that coordinates the work of all agencies involved in the city-wide repair programme. Mr Mackie says the Council has reconfigured routine maintenance budgets to focus on the repair of the remaining earthquake damage over coming years.

"All efforts will be made to ensure this work does not impact on levels of service, particularly

relating to essential maintenance. We are looking at ways to make the most of the funding we have for future work and get the best outcome for the city".

### Delivering on the Council's plan

With more work in the pipeline than ever before, the Council has agreed an Optimised Programme Delivery Model for infrastructure and other capital works. This model looks at its ways of working to ensure it delivers on the work it says it will do.

"The Council is budgeting to carry out more capital works per year than ever before – we are looking at new ways of working so we can meet the needs of the community and speed up the regeneration of the city," Mr Mackie says.

## Did you know?

All Christchurch roads are inspected every year for damage using a 'roughness measurement'. The worst roads are then prioritised for maintenance and resealing.

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## Don't leave it too late to get your influenza vaccination

It's easy to make excuses or justify why you don't get vaccinated but Canterbury Medical Officer of Health Dr Ramon Pink says the argument for vaccination is much stronger.

"We often hear that people had the flu vaccination and then got the flu. The vaccination itself can't give you the flu as it contains no live virus material. After your flu shot, it takes two weeks for your body to develop immunity, so if you are already unwell you won't avoid the flu. After that time it's very unlikely you will get it.

*"The vaccination itself can't give you the flu as it contains no live virus material."*

Dr Ramon Pink  
 Canterbury Medical Officer

"You may have a bad cold or any number of any other viruses with similar symptoms. The difference between these other influenza-like illness and the flu proper is that flu is much more serious. It some cases it can kill," says Dr Pink.

The flu vaccination is available from your general practice and selected pharmacies now. It's free for many people. Check with your general practice team or find out more at: [fightflu.co.nz](http://fightflu.co.nz) ■

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Residential Advisory Service  
 03 379 7027  
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Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) came to an end on 18 April 2016. CERA's former functions transitioned to a number of new and/or existing agencies.

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Documents from the CERA website ([cera.govt.nz](http://cera.govt.nz)) have been archived and can be accessed at:  
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# What's on...



**Flume**  
20 July, 7pm  
Horncastle Arena

Australia's biggest electronic export Flume will embark on a massive world tour for his forthcoming album Skin. \$24 - \$53



**That Bloody Woman**  
2-30 July, 7.30pm  
The Court Theatre

Suffragist Kate Sheppard transforms into a feminist firebrand raising hell in this red-hot new punk rock opera. \$24 - \$53



**Mister Maker and the Shapes**  
12-13 July  
10am, 1pm or 4pm  
Aurora Centre

Coming to NZ with his first live theatre tour!



**More FM Lantern Parade**  
9 July, 4.30pm  
Cathedral Square

Celebrate KidsFest's 25th anniversary!



**Weird Tales of Midwinter**  
16-19 June, 8pm  
Ferrymead Heritage Park

A new season of immersive ghost stories performed in the Edwardian township of Ferrymead. \$30-\$35



**Broods Conscious Tour 2016**  
14 July, 7pm  
Horncastle Arena

The New Zealand duo are in town with their new album.



**Alliance Francaise Music Festival 2016**  
18 June, 7pm - 10pm  
Wunderbar, Lyttelton

Be ready to sing along and dance your socks off!  
\$10-\$12



**Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2016**  
9-11 June  
Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts

Offering a double-shot of adrenaline to fuel your winter action sports needs!



**Frankenstein**  
17 June-2 July, 8pm  
The Gym,  
The Arts Centre

\$25-\$40



**Opening Night of The Cinema Italiano Festival**  
15 June, 7.15pm-9pm  
Academy Gold Cinema,  
The Colombo

\$30



**Hairspray - the Musical**  
8-18 June, 7.30pm - 10pm  
Isaac Theatre Royal

Multi Award winning smash hit musical telling the story of teenager Tracy Turnblad in Baltimore, USA circa 1962



**Takumi - Japanese Drumming Concert**  
11 June, 7pm  
Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts

\$15



**NZ Opera Presents: La Traviata**  
17 June - 2 July, 8pm  
The Gym,  
The Arts Centre

\$25-\$40

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