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The voice of the Canterbury rebuild

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The elegant Gaiety Hall in Akaroa is a key heritage building which has been painstakingly repaired and strengthened.

Our heritage returns

A number of significant heritage buildings in and around Christchurch will re-open in the coming months. As part of Christchurch City Council's Heritage Programme they will have been meticulously repaired and strengthened to meet new building code standards, such as Gaiety Hall in Akaroa which re-opened in April.

The 137-year-old Italianate theatre was damaged in the February 2011 earthquakes with repair and strengthening work beginning in November 2014.

A large amount of borer and timber rot led to some issues with water-tightness in the building, which had to be taken into account in the repair and

strengthening work and held up the process. Heritage Programme Manager Richie Moyle says, "The Gaiety is as beautiful as ever, but now it has the added bonus of real structural strength."

Read more about the Council's Heritage Programme on pages 8-9.



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Karleen Edwards
Christchurch City Council Chief Executive

Spring, a season synonymous with revitalisation and rejuvenation.

In this issue we explore the theme of renewal – celebrating the treasures of our past and looking forward to our future. We review the progress being made on the repair, restoration and re-opening of some of our much-loved heritage buildings, and we also look ahead to the start of Beca Heritage Week 2016.

The iconic Mona Vale Homestead, carefully restored to its former grandeur and scheduled to re-open to the public next month, is an excellent example of the work being carried out across the region as part of Christchurch City Council's Heritage Programme. At least 70 per cent of our heritage buildings are undergoing repair or restoration work as part of

this programme, and it is hoped that almost all of the damaged heritage buildings will be fully restored and opened by early 2018.

In keeping with our focus on heritage, our popular event Beca Heritage Week 2016 begins next month on 14 October. This year's theme *Hidden Histories – our stories unearthed*, provides an opportunity to explore the aspects of our history that are less well known or less easily accessible or visible, commemorating the treasures and stories of our past.

Continuing on our theme of renewal, the countdown to next month's Local Government Elections is well and truly underway. I encourage and challenge as many residents as possible to participate in this year's elections, and vote for those who

will best represent their community as members of this Council. More information is available on the website: elections.org.nz

With warmer months ahead and more time being spent outdoors, now is the time to experience the new family-friendly cycleways that have been developed around the city. Read more about our major cycle routes in this issue.

To keep up-to-date with the latest Christchurch news and events, remember to subscribe to our Council newsletter at the following address: ccc.govt.nz/the-council/newsline

Kind regards



DEVELOPMENT CHRISTCHURCH LIMITED

Rob Hall
Chief Executive

Development Christchurch Ltd (DCL) has an expert team focusing on regeneration priorities for our seaside village community at New Brighton. Over recent months, the team has focused on developing a plan for the waterfront area between the current Surf Life Saving Club and the Pier. The outline proposal is seeking to activate the foreshore area and link it back to New Brighton Mall by refurbishing and enhancing the whale pool and kids play area, and will look to include a hot salt water pool in response to the strong community desire. Final scope for this work is yet to be determined and soon DCL will engage more widely with the community about this proposal.

Staff have also been working with community partners and organisations to progress a designed feasibility study for a promenade, based on a proposal that was put to Christchurch City Council by one of our fantastic community groups.

In addition to the planning of the waterfront area, which is intended to create a destination, staff are working closely with the New Brighton Business and Landowners Association (NBBLA) on ways to revitalise the commercial core including the Mall area. The aim is to work with landlords, tenants and the business community to deliver an improved shopping experience for residents and visitors to the village.

One recent initiative was the PokemonGo day that was run to coincide with one of the Saturday market days, which helped attract additional people to the New Brighton Markets. If you haven't been to check out the Saturday markets, you should. You can find out more at: newbrightonproject.org.nz/seaside-market

Meanwhile, Council staff and DCL are working together with contractors to

improve public spaces in the Mall and are in the process of initiating some changes to cleaning routines and general maintenance of amenity in public areas.

And lastly, we are setting up a Regeneration Hub with our partners so we can continue to listen to what the community wants for New Brighton and share ideas. We'll bring you details of the new Hub in the coming weeks. ■

Development Christchurch Limited is a Christchurch City Council owned, but commercially focused, development authority with a city-wide focus on urban regeneration. Its goal is to help catalyse new investment and development in Christchurch.

Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) progress

94%

of the way through the entire SCIRT work programme



The SCIRT programme aims to be completed in December 2016

Next step for Waimakariri red zone land plan

Feedback on a recovery plan for the future use of residential red zone land in Canterbury's Waimakariri District is being processed, following last month's public engagement.

The Draft Waimakariri Residential Red Zone Recovery Plan (Draft Plan) sets out proposed future uses for about 84 hectares of mainly residential land in the red zone areas of Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach and Kairaki. Possible uses include sport and recreation, and rural and business activity.

The four-week period for the public to give feedback on the Draft Plan ended on 1 September 2016. People offered their thoughts through written comment forms and online.

Officials will study the feedback and provide advice to the Minister supporting Greater Christchurch Regeneration, Gerry Brownlee, to be considered along with the Draft Plan. The Minister will then make a decision on whether to approve the plan, or if any changes should be made. A final decision is expected later this year.

The Draft Waimakariri Residential Red Zone Recovery Plan was developed by Waimakariri District Council in consultation with the community and with support from Environment Canterbury, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) and the Greater Christchurch Group within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.



Recreation and sport are key elements of proposals for the future use of residential red zone land in the Waimakariri District.

Engagement over the possible uses of the land began in 2014 with the CERA-led *Canvas* project. Waimakariri District Council then reviewed those ideas and invited more input before completing the Preliminary Draft

Waimakariri Residential Red Zone Recovery Plan in late 2015. That was subject to further consultation, public hearings and submissions, resulting in the Draft Recovery Plan presented to Minister Brownlee early last month.

Read the Draft Waimakariri Residential Red Zone Recovery Plan at: dpmc.govt.nz/future-use

Meet the rebuild workers



Shannon Bird Landscape apprentice, City Care

Where are you from?

I'm originally from Auckland. I lived there for 17 years and moved down here in 2009. I've been here ever since, so I experienced all of the earthquakes.

What made you want to be part of the rebuild?

Landscape wasn't what I wanted to do originally. I went to university for a couple of years ... and I kind of worked out that wasn't for me and I wanted to get more into the practical side of things. I haven't regretted it. I'm about half way through my apprenticeship now.

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

The family park [Margaret Mahy Family Playground], I worked there and I really liked that. Having work that you've done visibly appreciated

by people is quite good. Often you do jobs and walk away but you don't really have, I guess, an attachment to it after that, but that was quite a good project. As you drive past, you can see people actually using it. It was a pretty busy six months, long hours etc, but that's what I think gets people to do the long hours is being involved in a project like that, it was quite unique.

What challenges you about the rebuild?

I guess maybe the pace of it, it's been maybe a little bit slower than people thought it would be. But apart from that, all the ideas I quite like, in terms of the actual Blueprint for the city, it's quite good. I would just like to make sure that the city is actually accessible. You can do all these designs but I'd like to see that actually happen and this be a place that is accessible for people to use.

Community celebrates official opening of new Burwood Hospital facilities

There was cake, a choir and a ceremonial plaque as part of a celebration in August to launch a new future in Older Persons' Health and Rehabilitation at Burwood Hospital.

Prime Minister John Key was on hand to unveil the plaque and declare the new facilities officially open, to the delight of a large group of Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) staff and patients, as well as all the architects, contractors and health planners involved in the project.

The new buildings include a large reception atrium leading to three ward blocks, each three storeys high, taking the total number of beds at Burwood to 230. There is a separate wing for Older Persons' Mental Health, a large state-of-the-art Radiology department, a new Outpatients department capable of handling up to 80,000 patients per year, an administration area, new kitchens and delivery docks, and an innovative new boiler house that runs on eco-friendly wood waste.

Canterbury DHB Chief Executive David Meates says he is proud to have led the CDHB through this

complex and demanding project. "I would like to acknowledge the huge contributions of everyone involved in the Burwood Hospital redevelopment. It has been a tremendously exciting journey and we can all be very pleased with the results."

Murray Cleverley, CDHB Chair, agrees that the new facilities are an enormous boost to Burwood Hospital's existing capacity in specialist older persons' health care and rehabilitation.

"The design teams adopted the key principles of 'long life, loose fit' that allow spaces to be used for different functions as clinical practice and patient needs change over time. As a result, this facility will meet the needs of our community, especially our ageing population, for many years to come."

Across town at the Christchurch Hospital site, work continues at pace



Prime Minister John Key talks to patient Bruce Chambers, at the official opening of the new Burwood Older Persons' Health and Rehabilitation facilities on 19 August.

on both the Acute Services Building and the Christchurch Outpatients.

If you have any questions about the new buildings, email the project team at itsallhappening@cdhb.health.nz or see the progress of both builds at cdhb.health.nz/itsallhappening

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The Celect app is free and was designed and developed in-house by Christchurch City Council to make it easy for people to access and interact with election information.

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Eels invited to move into ‘townhouses’ built into Avon River works

Two new eel habitats are ready for occupation now that Ōtākaro Limited has completed two sites in The Terraces project on the Ōtākaro/Avon River – the Worcester East Terrace and the punt stop – flanking the Worcester Bridge.

“Already the ‘tuna townhouse’ (tuna being the Māori word for eel) in The Terraces near the Bridge of Remembrance has proved its worth,” says Principal Scientist at EOS Ecology Shelley McMurtrie. “Huge, one-metre-plus longfin eels are making their home there and enamouring themselves to the many people who come down to feed them. With the large overhang, the shallower Worcester East Terrace and punt stop will provide cover for our native bully species while the in-built tuna townhouse will be a great home for smaller longfin eels.”

EOS Ecology is responsible for the design of the ecological components of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct.

“It is heart-warming to see that these design features are proving to be such a benefit to our freshwater fish.”

Shelley McMurtrie
Principal Scientist, EOS Ecology

Two years ago, almost 1,600 fish, including over 900 eels, were moved to another part of the river while thousands of tonnes of liquefaction sand and silt were removed. Now aquatic creatures have a new home



Shelley McMurtrie (Principal Scientist, EOS Ecology) with a large longfin eel rescued from the Avon River during sediment removal. Photo © EOS Ecology.

with a cavity in the Worcester East Terrace, which eels can access through pipes laid into the concrete below the waterline.

“It is heart-warming to see that these design features are proving to be such a benefit to our freshwater fish. Vertical smooth edges along our rivers can be detrimental to aquatic life but, by building in these ‘tuna townhouses’,

we have been able to turn them into much-needed habitat for our precious longfin eels and other native fish,” says Miss McMurtrie.

The Worcester East Terrace and punt stop are the latest parts of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct to be completed. The Precinct will be tied together by 50,000 square metres of paved, shared space that will form



Pipes allowing water to flow through the eel (in Māori, tuna) habitats are installed during construction.

a lighted city promenade along the Oxford Terrace side of the river from Christchurch Hospital to the Margaret Mahy Family Playground (which is bordered by Manchester, Armagh and Madras streets).

The new terrace and punt stop make it easier for everyone to get down to the water’s edge to get a look at the wildlife, with wheelchair ramps incorporated into the river bank for the first time.

“The completion of the Worcester East Terrace and Worcester Bridge punt stop builds on the appeal and accessibility improvements provided by the recently opened Terraces near the Bridge of Remembrance. These improvements are increasing accessibility to the river, for people of all ages to enjoy these waterside spaces and the hospitality and retail offerings nearby,” says Ōtākaro Limited Chief Executive Albert Brantley.

The Worcester East Terrace also marks the completion of another part of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Literary Trail and features author David Eggleton’s work, *Christchurch Gothic*.

The Crown is investing \$109 million in the Avon River project. Ōtākaro Limited is on track to complete it by the end of 2017, with stages opening throughout the period leading up to that time. ■

Did you know? Feeding the eels is fine, but bread isn’t good for them. It’s better to pop mince or a piece of meat on the end of a stick and hold it just below the surface. They will come and eat it off the stick.



The Worcester Bridge punt stop (with wheelchair access ramp) provides an attractive access point to the water and a new home for aquatic life.

Ōtākaro Limited is a Crown-owned company delivering key anchor projects and precincts, and managing any potential future sale of Crown-owned land, in the central city.

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Support services still available

This month, Cantabrians mark the sixth anniversary of the September 2010 earthquake, the first in a series of earthquakes that changed Canterbury.

The anniversary of a major event like this can stir up emotions for people, even six years on.

“Anniversaries can remind people of what we’ve been through together,” says Sue Turner, All Right? Campaign Manager. “It’s a time to look after one another and also think about how far the region has come.”

All Right? campaign research has shown that there is a lot of hope and optimism in Canterbury. At the same time, many are still grieving for what we’ve lost. Earthquake- and recovery-related stressors are continuing to affect Cantabrians’ wellbeing.

“Cantabrians are in it for the long haul. Sometimes stress can have a time lag,” says Sue Turner.

If you are finding it hard to cope and need support or if you are worried about someone else, you can ring the Canterbury Support Line on **0800 777 846**. When you call this number, you will talk with someone who can connect you with practical support, information or advice. Free counselling services are also still available.

Sue Turner says, “Earthquake- and recovery-related stress can continue for a decade after a disaster. For people who aren’t feeling all right or who need support, it’s great to have the Canterbury Support Line available.”

The Canterbury Support Line **0800 777 846** is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ■

Parents – you’re going great!

There’s no doubt that being a parent can be tough sometimes, and living in post-quake Canterbury hasn’t made things any easier!

All Right? research shows many Canterbury parents are feeling tired and isolated, and are finding it difficult to live up to the expectations they place on themselves.

Sue Turner, All Right? Campaign Manager, says in many cases parents are downplaying, or don’t seem to be noticing, the great job they’re doing.

“There are really high expectations placed upon us as parents and it’s easy to lose track of our successes and forget to enjoy the moment,” she says.

All Right? has developed several resources to support parents.

- **Activities for the whānau** – 20 awesome, everyday things whānau can do together. The activities strengthen the everyday magic that happens within the whānau.
- **Let’s talk about parenting** – go to: allright.org.nz/parents for practical parenting tips and information on the support available for parents in Canterbury.
- **Tiny adventures** – this All Right? app has been developed to help parents enjoy quick, fun and affordable activities with their children.

To find out more, visit: allright.org.nz ■



New life for temporary housing village

Five relocatable houses, previously used to accommodate Canterbury residents while their earthquake-damaged homes were being repaired, are now going to provide homes for some of Christchurch’s most vulnerable families.



CMM Executive Director Jill Hawkey outside one of the houses that will be home to a homeless young family from October.

As part of the Linwood Housing Development, the houses will provide a warm and affordable place to call home for five homeless families. The development is being completed by the Christchurch Methodist Mission (CMM).

“This is an exciting new project that will make a positive and tangible difference to five young families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless,” says Jill Hawkey, CMM Executive Director. “It is in direct response to seeing young people and families living in cars, garages or overcrowded houses.”

The houses were previously located in the Kaiapoi Temporary Accommodation Village (Kaiapoi



Two of the houses on the Linwood site. The development will be ready for families to move into in October.

Domain) and moved to the Linwood site in July. Since then, the foundations have been laid and work continues to get the site ready for the families to move into their new homes in mid October.

With a month to go, CMM is seeking support from the public to complete the project. People can buy a wide range of gift items for the families moving in or can contribute to the cost of completing the development.

Go to the Linwood Housing Appeal website bit.ly/linwood_home or CMM’s website mmsi.org.nz to see the full range of gifts available or to make a donation. ■

Getting help through the tough times

Stress and sleepless nights had become a way of life for one Christchurch family but with the help of the Residential Advisory Service (RAS) they are finally seeing the light at the end of their rebuild tunnel.

Selecting a home in Spencerville, just north of Christchurch, was a lifestyle choice for Dave and Caroline Elkington, who are raising their three children (aged six years, four years, and six months) there. But the September 2010 earthquake set their lives on a new and sometimes challenging pathway.

Nine houses once occupied the private lane where the Elkingtons live, but only three remain.

“The houses in the lane bordering the Styx River were basically pulled apart by lateral spreading. Our property, being brick with a heavy concrete foundation, sank quite significantly as a result of the September earthquake,” says Dave Elkington.

So began a journey, first with the Earthquake Commission (EQC) and later the couple’s insurer, to progress their claim. In both cases, the couple had reached a point where they felt they could go no further. Initially with EQC, they couldn’t agree on a repair strategy and later, when the case was deemed over-cap and passed to their insurer, they got stuck on the rebuild figure. The couple say agreeing on TC3 foundation costs was the main sticking point.

“At times we have been so stressed and frustrated,” says Dave Elkington. “It impacts on your whole life – you are there playing with your kids but it’s always there at the back of your mind. You are lying in bed thinking about it at 3am. It’s exhausting.”

“RAS helped us navigate the claims process. You feel a lot more comfortable. I could actually sleep at night a lot better.”

Caroline Elkington

During the negotiations with EQC, Caroline Elkington dropped into the then Avondale Earthquake Assistance Centre and found out about RAS.

Residential Advisory Service is a free service that provides impartial help to residential property owners struggling to make progress with their repairs or rebuild.

Caroline Elkington says by the time they met their first RAS Independent Advisor they couldn’t see the wood for the trees.

“You don’t know what to say or how to deal with it. We didn’t know which



Finally preparing to rebuild, Dave and Caroline Elkington credit Residential Advisory Service with helping them make progress.

way to go. We felt like we weren’t being listened to.”

Caroline Elkington says the first thing their advisor did was make them take a step back without the emotion.

“She said: ‘We need to get our ducks in a row, we need to get this report, get that in place and so on.’ So we worked through it slowly and methodically.

“She had knowledge of the law and legal precedents that we didn’t have.”

The couple say having RAS peer-review their Engineer and Quantity Surveyor’s reports was hugely helpful, increasing their confidence in this advice.

Late last year, the couple again approached RAS for help in resolving their insurance claim and last month a settlement was agreed.

“RAS helped us navigate the claims process. You feel a lot more comfortable. I could actually sleep at night a lot better. Both our advisors were working in that space

so they were gaining knowledge and experience. We couldn’t have progressed without them. We were actually at the end of our tether until RAS helped us out,” Caroline Elkington says.

Dave and Caroline Elkington say they have recommended the service to friends and would definitely encourage others to make use of it.

Board Chair for the Residential Advisory Service Darren Wright says, “It is always great to hear that the service is focused and relevant to people’s needs.

“I encourage home owners who still have issues to look into the free service as soon as possible, as it obviously won’t be available forever.”

To find out more about Residential Advisory Service and whether you qualify for its services, call **03 379 7027** or **0800 777 299** or visit: **advisory.org.nz**

If the service is not able to help, it can connect you to other services that may be able to assist you. ■

Of the people who completed the latest RAS exit survey:

- 74% felt better informed about their situation
- 71% are more confident about their next steps
- 57% have improved wellbeing through using RAS
- 91% felt listened to and understood
- 77% rated their satisfaction with RAS as very satisfied or satisfied
- 81% would recommend RAS to others

Residential Advisory Service quick facts*

3,974 face-to-face meetings have been held	RAS has had contacts with 14,863 people	3,529 cases have been closed out
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*From May 2013 (when RAS was set up) to August 2016.

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Christchurch's heritage in safe hands

Christchurch City Council's Heritage Programme has been running for a number of years now and Richie Moyle, Heritage Programme Manager, is pleased to say that 70 per cent of the programme's heritage buildings are in construction, about to start or complete.

"The team of experienced heritage project managers, heritage architects, engineers and many others have contributed a lot to our city, often working long hours and late nights to ensure the right result is obtained for our remaining heritage buildings," Mr Moyle says.

"I'm very proud of what the heritage team has accomplished. They've faced some very difficult challenges in repairing and strengthening these wonderful old buildings, whilst meeting new building regulations that are not always sympathetic to heritage fabric."

Over the next 12 months, many heritage buildings are being opened, significantly stronger than before and with a lot of overdue upgrades carried out as part of the programme. He predicts that almost all of the damaged heritage buildings will be finished and opened by early 2018. ■



Heritage Programme Manager Richie Moyle is proud to see so many key heritage buildings restored or on their way back.



Chapel of love

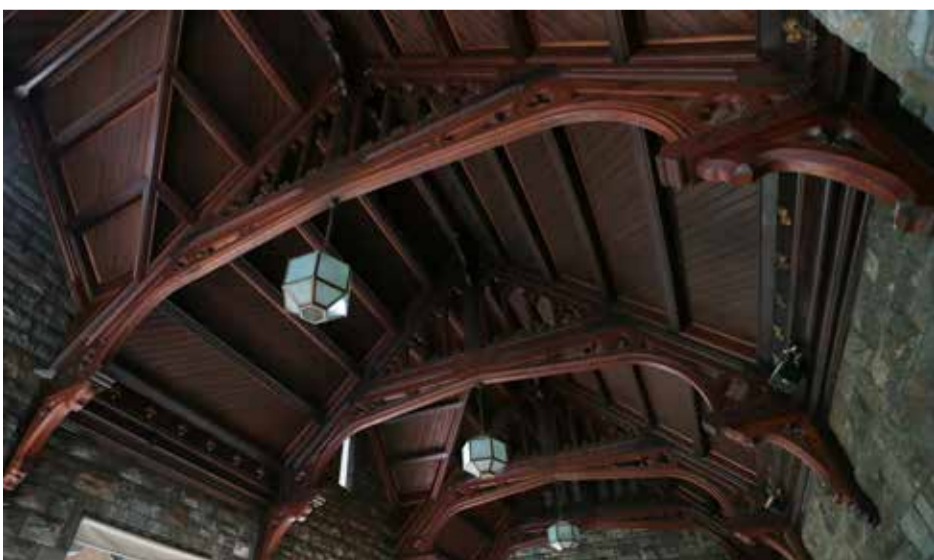
Many local people would know someone who has tied the knot in the Rose Historic Chapel on Colombo Street.

This picturesque 1910 stone chapel, formerly known as the St Mary's Convent Chapel, is currently being repaired and restored by Higgs Construction Ltd. The 12-month job began in July and things are ticking along nicely.

"Rose Historic Chapel has a really beautiful collection of stained glass windows, and sustained some severe damage in February 2011 when the

quake caused parts of the gable walls to collapse," says Richie Moyle.

"We're putting the gable walls back up stone by stone, strengthening the roof and foundations, and reconstructing and reinstalling all of the stained glass windows. This one has a special place in the hearts of a lot of people, so it'll be nice to give more couples the chance to make some memories." ■



Leaving no Sign

Sign of the Takahē has a priceless heritage value that goes beyond Canterbury – just ask Heritage New Zealand, which has classed it as a Category 1 building of national significance.



"There are no quick fixes with these heritage buildings," Richie Moyle says. "Often, it's not until you get into them, and see the bones of them, that you find out what you're dealing with – and the Takahē poses some unique engineering challenges."

The popular Port Hills restaurant and function centre lost parapet stones and chimneys, and sustained cracks to the stone and plaster, in the February 2011 quake. The devil in the

detail is in the damage to the roof, and in 'tying' the building together with a diaphragm.

"Because this is a heritage site, everything we do needs to be invisible when we're finished, so it's a lot of extra work and requires different solutions to other buildings," says Mr Moyle.

The job is expected to be completed by the end of the year. ■



Lifting the Vale

Mona Vale Homestead on Fendalton Road re-opens next month, and it's been a painstaking journey for this restaurant, wedding and conference venue.

The building's masonry and heritage fabric are being carefully deconstructed and reconstructed. As Richie Moyle explains, "Each brick is labelled with a number, photographed, set aside into neat piles, and put back to its original position, as per our photo reference, after strengthening has taken place. It's slow and steady work, but the result is absolutely seamless."

Mona Vale Homestead is a fine example of Victorian architecture. It was built in 1897 for Frederick Waymouth, but purchased in 1905 by heiress Annie Townend, who renamed it Mona Vale after her mother's birthplace in Tasmania.

To find out more about Christchurch City Council's Heritage Programme, go to: ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/heritage ■



Interesting discoveries

Due to the nature of the Heritage Programme, the Council's heritage projects have not been without some interesting finds.

On removing internal wall linings at LE Cottage (Langlois-Eteveneaux) in Akaroa, timber linings were discovered to include traces of hessian wallpaper.

Contractors found an unexpected scrawled note on the ceiling at Sign of the Kiwi during repairs: "If we had of known you were coming we'd of baked a cake." The line draws on the lyrics of Eileen Barton's 1950s hit song.

A large hand-painted frieze (2m x 2m), hessian-backed and lined with newspaper from 1910–1911, was found at Risingholme Homestead.

A bird's nest built with old bus tickets from the 1930s was discovered at Mona Vale during the Gatehouse repairs and a mosaic tiled floor was uncovered when the carpet was lifted in the Homestead.

A pre-1900 water tank was uncovered at Godley House.



Eight new social housing units opened in Woolston last month.

New social housing units open in Woolston

Christchurch City Council has celebrated the opening of eight new social housing units in Woolston.

The new units were officially opened last month (August) at the Council's Osborne Street housing complex, doubling the number of units available there previously.

Carolyn Gallagher, Head of Housing, says the Council is following through on its commitment to build back quality social housing for the city that makes the best use of available land.

"The Council is rebuilding high-quality social housing that's designed to

meet the needs of the community over the long term," she says.

"Where units have been severely earthquake damaged, we can rebuild them in ways that make better use of the land, get better value for money and get new units open faster – all of which are excellent outcomes for the city.

"The new units at Osborne Street are warm, energy efficient and designed to cater to tenants' changing living and access needs over their lifetimes." ■

Suburban parking survey underway

Christchurch City Council is seeking community input on how it should manage suburban road space through a survey on suburban parking.

The survey explores different ways of addressing parking demand in our growing suburban areas.

Christchurch's suburban streets play an important role for both residents and the city as a whole. They provide space for people to move around the city, green space, and places to meet and socialise, and they often provide parking.

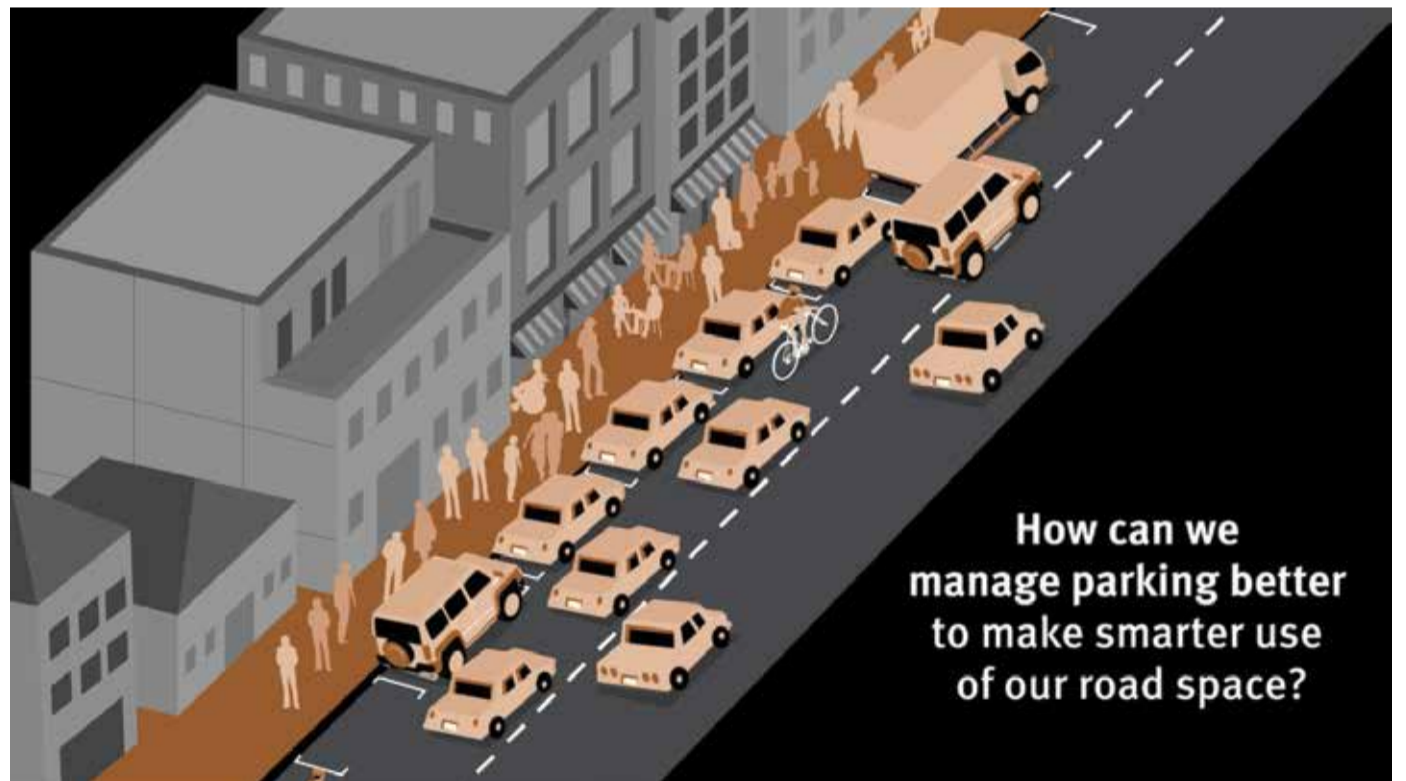
The Council manages more than 2,300 kilometres of roads so getting the balance right between these competing demands for road space is an important challenge.

The survey on suburban parking is the first stage towards developing a Christchurch-wide approach to address demand for public space in suburban streets and Council car parks. The overall aim is to provide more innovative and consistent solutions to parking issues that make suburban areas more pleasant and cohesive places to be.

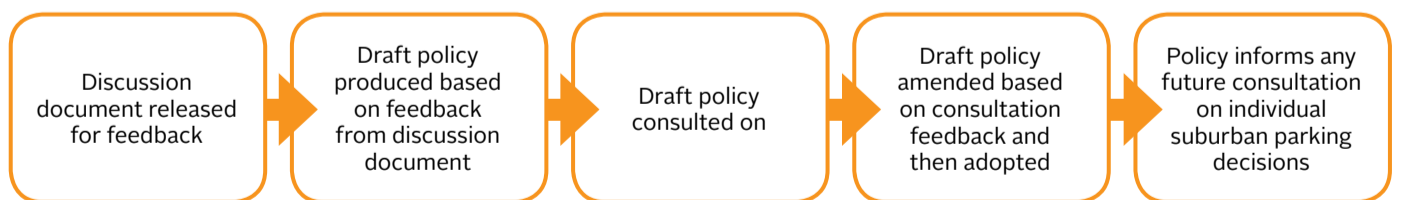
It asks the community to consider issues such as commercial parking in suburban areas, mobility parking, and houses with no off-street parking, and the Council's role in managing these issues.

Feedback and ideas put forward through the survey will shape the development of a draft Suburban Parking Policy to better manage parking on suburban streets. The draft policy will be consulted on and amended again before it is used to inform future decisions on suburban parking issues.

People can take part in the survey until Thursday 15 September. Further information about the suburban parking consultation is available on the Council's website at ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay and ccc.govt.nz/suburbanparking ■



SUBURBAN PARKING POLICY PROCESS



Advantages of on-street parking	Disadvantages of on-street parking
Gives access and choice to motorists and motorcyclists	Storm water run-off reduces water quality and increases flood risk
Supports economic activity and development	Encourages car use (increases traffic)
Stores unoccupied cars out of the way of traffic	Occupies valuable space
Is critical for people with limited travel options, such as people with restricted mobility	Contributes to urban sprawl
Readily available parks reduce inconvenience and traffic effects of people looking for a park	Cost to provide and maintain Safety – potential to increase crash rate where vehicles manoeuvre into parks

Major Cycle Routes ramp up

Work on Christchurch's major cycle network is about to ramp up a gear with construction starting on four cycle routes in the next two months.

These cycle routes are part of a network linking shopping centres, businesses, schools, parks and popular recreation destinations all across Christchurch. They're designed to give people more travel choice and safer options for cycling. They're also a proven way to improve the health of a city, reduce congestion and build stronger local economies.

Clarrie Pearce, Christchurch City Council's Major Cycleways programme manager says, "If you look at the research, bike-friendly cities consistently rank highly in quality of life surveys. Cities where it's easy to get around by bike are great places to live."

Work has already begun on the Little River Link (at the Little River Township end) and will start on the Papanui Parallel, Little River Link (Addington end), and the first stage of the Rapanui – Shag Rock cycleway in the next couple of months.

Construction work will continue on the Uni-Cycle route over the University holidays.

Consultation and engagement on a number of other routes will also start before the end of the year. These routes include Quarryman's Trail, which links the central city to Halswell Domain, the Northern Line which links Belfast to the central city and South Express, which connects Hornby, Sockburn and Middleton to Riccarton and Addington.

The consultation and engagement process has played an important role in developing the cycle routes so far, with local knowledge helping to ensure the right balance is found between cycle safety and other road users.

Keep an eye out at ccc.govt.nz/cycleways to give your feedback on the upcoming routes. ■



These are a few of the different types of cycleway you will see popping up around the city as construction continues:



Separated cycleways

Cycleways with a kerb or planting separating them from the road space.

Neighbourhood greenways

Slower speed roads where the road space is shared.

Shared paths

Paths shared with pedestrians through parks etc.

Route	Where	Construction start
Little River Link – Little River Township	Connects the existing Little River Rail Trail to the Little River Railway Station, crossing State Highway 75 at Barclay Street.	15 August
Papanui Parallel	The route runs from the city to Northlands via Colombo Street, Rutland Street and Grassmere Street. It will connect to the Northern Line cycleway.	Mid September
Little River Trail – Addington	Runs from Hagley Park through Addington connecting to the shared path alongside the Southern Motorway. It runs along Grove Road, Collins Street and Jerrold Street South.	Mid September
Rapanui to Shag Rock – Fitzgerald Avenue to Linwood Park	The route links the city to Linwood Park starting on Worcester Street and joining the Park at Marlborough Street.	Mid October
Uni-Cycle – University to Riccarton Bush	The next stage of Uni-Cycle stretches from Riccarton Bush to the western side of the University. Work around the University will be scheduled to match student holidays.	November

Visit the website ccc.govt.nz/cycleways for more information and maps.

NEWSLINE

News, information

Stay up-to-date with what is happening in Christchurch and get information first on Newslines. ccc.govt.nz/newslines

A new online digital news channel has been set up to help keep Christchurch residents informed about what is going on in their city.

Newslines (ccc.govt.nz/newslines) was set up by Christchurch City Council earlier this year as an easy-to-access digital platform where residents can get up-to-date news and information about city projects, activities, issues and decisions.

"Newslines allows us to communicate directly with residents about things that are happening in Christchurch and Banks Peninsula and how they can get involved. We want people to

be informed and engaged and to feel they're kept in the loop about what the Council and other key agencies in the city are up to," says Council Head of Public Information and Participation Diane Keenan.

"I would really encourage people to check out Newslines and to sign up for the weekly Newslines e-newsletter, which provides a summary of the week's top stories." ■

Waimakariri flood protection project reaches halfway mark

The \$40 million Environment Canterbury Waimakariri Flood Protection Project, to channel the river away from Christchurch, has only four years to go until completion.

The flood protection project started construction in 2010, and includes a secondary stopbanking system to provide back-up flood protection for Christchurch.

The flood protection project will reduce the risk of flooding in Christchurch city and the Waimakariri and Selwyn districts. Many areas in Canterbury have been struck by major floods over the past 150 years. In the Christchurch central city, floodwaters were sometimes knee-deep in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

During the time of early European settlement, the Waimakariri River regularly overflowed in the floodplain areas within and around Christchurch and Kaiapoi. In the most recent large flood in December 1957, the river broke out and flooded parts of Coutts Island, Belfast and Kainga.

Environment Canterbury Principal River Engineer and Project Leader Ian Heslop is very appreciative of the cooperation from land owners and leaseholders.

“Environment Canterbury is fully committed to keeping the Waimakariri Flood Protection Project on track. The Waimakariri hasn’t played up since 1957, but that’s no reason to be complacent. The project works will add strength and resilience to the flood protection system, and significantly lower the risk of break-out during a major flood,” Mr Heslop says.

The first 15-kilometre length of completed secondary stopbank goes



Environment Canterbury Principal River Engineer and Project Leader Ian Heslop (left, photographed with colleague Matthew Surman) says the Waimakariri Flood Protection Project will significantly lower the risk of break-out during a major flood.

from the Northern Motorway Bridge to Cross Bank at McLeans Island. The remaining secondary stopbank work will continue 15 kilometres upstream to Thompsons Road at Halkett.

There is already a high level of flood protection in place along the Waimakariri River. The primary stopbanking system is designed to protect the community from a major flood. Even so, if the primary system were to breach, it could result in

major flooding through urban areas of Kaiapoi and Christchurch. The new stopbanking system will prevent this. ■

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Avon Provincial Chambers shown in flood in 1868.

Quick facts about the Waimakariri Flood Protection Project

- The project spans 40 kilometres of the Waimakariri River from the sea to Halkett.
- 280,000 tonnes of rock have been placed along riverbanks to strengthen the flood protection system. The rock is sourced from Environment Canterbury’s quarry at View Hill near Oxford.
- 315,000 cubic metres of gravel have been taken from the river to build new stopbanks.

The primary stopbanking system is designed to contain a 500-year return period flood. A flood of this size can be expected to occur on average once every 500 years, and there is a 12 per cent chance it could occur in a 70-year period.

Need help to find help?



Canterbury Support Line

Call now >> **0800 777 846**

24 hours 7 days

Hot questions answered on road repairs

Over the last five years the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) has fielded many questions from the public via its hotline.

SCIRT's approach to rebuilding the roads has been a talking point. These are the answers to the most common questions about the roads.

Why does SCIRT dig up a road more than once?

It is not often practicable to work on all the pipes under a road at once. There is a surprising number of pipes and cables underground in the road and they are located at different depths and spaced apart across the road.

To access all these pipes at once would in many cases require a very wide trench, the entire width of the road, and it would be necessary to shut the road, causing a great deal of traffic disruption.

SCIRT started with the sewer system because it was a priority for households to have working toilets, which is critical for the health of the city.

Covering the trench temporarily and coming back to do the other systems is the fastest and most efficient way for SCIRT to get its huge programme of work done.

Why not have several crews working in a trench at once?

With specialist crews, the space in a trench is often too tight to have different crews working in it at one time. It's also more efficient to work on one system to the end of the project, especially if it has to be shut down while the crew is working.

Too many crews in a trench can pose safety risks. For health reasons, SCIRT does not work on wastewater pipes and water pipes at the same time, to avoid the risk of cross-contamination from wastewater.

Why is my street being patch repaired rather than rebuilt?

The majority of SCIRT's road rebuilding and repair work is reinstating the surface of the road above the pipe repair work carried out underneath.

The extent of road repairs depends largely on the extent of underground pipe repair work carried out. If wide trenches have been dug to fix the underground pipes, then the road repair job will be substantial. If small trenches have been dug, then road repairs are likely to be small section repairs and patches.

Why is my street being resurfaced in chip seal rather than asphalt?

In Christchurch, chip seal is the material commonly used to seal streets and roads with low volumes of traffic. While some developers of residential subdivisions have chosen to seal the streets in the more expensive asphalt, when SCIRT makes



Repair of Mairehau Road in Parklands.

repairs in those streets these are most often chip seal.

The small stone chips can feel like a nuisance when they are first laid because they need time (about a week) to settle and embed into the road, before any stray bits of chip seal are swept up.

Asphalt is about four to five times more expensive than chip seal. So in Christchurch it is generally used on stretches of roads with high volumes of traffic, typically main roads in the city.

Why isn't SCIRT spending more on the roads?

SCIRT's budget is limited and is focused on delivering roads that are functioning and that keep traffic moving across the city.

Christchurch City Council is spending \$176 million over 10 years on a significant road resealing programme, to smooth the most bumpy roads across the city. Work is already underway on the programme, which is focused on the central city and the eastern suburbs. ■



Chipsealing on Ascot Avenue in Parklands.



An example of patch repair on Clyde Road in Ilam.

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SCIRT
Rebuilding Infrastructure

New community centres planned in Selwyn

Selwyn District Council is working with local communities to develop new facilities for the district.

Construction of a new, multi-purpose Dunsandel Community Centre at Dunsandel Domain started in August. It will replace the former Dunsandel Hall, which was severely damaged in the September 2010 earthquake and demolished in 2012.

The new \$3.4 million Dunsandel centre will include a multi-use hall, reception area, meeting and training

room space, kitchen and bar facilities, and office and storage space. Outside, terraces will provide space for watching sport, while the northern side will be landscaped and designed for outdoor gatherings. The project is being funded from various sources including grants, insurance, reserve funds, fundraising, development contributions and a loan to be funded by a targeted rate.

Construction of the new West Melton Community and Recreation Centre will also begin next year. This flexible, multi-purpose facility will be a community hub for one of the fastest-growing townships in Selwyn, and provide space to co-house several different clubs and sports and community organisations. ■

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Artist's impression: Dunsandel Community Centre.

EQC restructures to complete Canterbury work

As the Earthquake Commission (EQC) works to complete its main repairs in Canterbury by the end of 2016, it is also looking to 2017.



Next year, its focus will continue to be resolving remedial requests on properties with a managed repair, and responding to drainage enquiries.

The Earthquake Commission's work in Canterbury is entering a new phase as it settles the final earthquake claims for the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, says EQC Chief Executive Ian Simpson.

"The level of work left is of a much smaller scale than the Canterbury Home Repair Programme was designed for. We need a smaller, fit-for-purpose approach to finish the work."

This will involve downsizing staff from its current 868 headcount to 383 by the end of the year.

"As we make changes over the next few months, one thing isn't changing: we will retain a presence in Canterbury until we have met our obligations to our customers.

"By 2017 we will have a new approach for handling the remaining work, including remedial requests. We're working on the details of this now,

including talking to Fletcher EQR. We hope we will have a clearer picture later in September," Mr Simpson says.

By the end of the year, EQC's target is to have:

- completed all of the approximately 67,900 managed home repairs
- settled all of the approximately 99,000 residential building claims scheduled for first-time cash settlements
- settled all of the more than 187,000 contents claims
- settled green zone land claims for about 73,000 properties
- resolved 75 per cent of the remedial requests on its books as at 30 June 2016
- cash-settled 90 per cent of the 3,118 drainage claims received by 30 June 2016
- cash-settled the 13,985 damage claims received following the series of quakes in Canterbury between February and June 2016.

There is also a range of administrative and financial tasks to be completed.

"I know it has not been an easy journey for some EQC Canterbury customers. EQC has worked hard to improve how we work not just for Canterbury, but for all New Zealand," Mr Simpson says.

Outside of Canterbury, EQC needs to be ready to respond to any future event and continues negotiating and managing natural disaster reinsurance for the country. EQC will also continue settling the 5,000 to 8,000 natural disaster claims it receives on average every year, funding research to the tune of about \$16 million annually, and educating the public about natural hazards and how to mitigate these. ■

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Walking tour in September

Anyone wanting to learn more about the features of Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct is invited to join a walking tour on 24 September.

Part of the Breeze Walking Festival which offers over 50 free walks, the tour will take in existing features like The Terraces, Ngā Whāriki Manaaki panels, Literary Trail and punt stops as well as swinging by Victoria Square, where restoration work will soon get underway. Starting at the Margaret Mahy Family Playground and finishing at the Antigua Boat Sheds, the tour will offer an insight into how the city's waterfront will be transformed over the next 16 months. The one-hour tours start at 11am and 12noon.

For more information, go to: walkingfestival.co.nz

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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) have been archived and can be accessed at: ceraarchive.dpmc.govt.nz

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What's on...

FESTA 2016: We Have the Means

21–24 October, Central City

A vibrant weekend celebration of urban creativity. Evening free



Christchurch Big Band Festival (10th Anniversary)

21–24 October, various times and locations

An array of jazz big bands from around New Zealand performing in a range of venues around Christchurch. Price varies: Free–\$70



TEDxChristchurch 2016: 360°

29 October, 10am–6.30pm
Isaac Theatre Royal

A feast for the mind, body and soul. From \$189



The Women's Lifestyle Expo

24–25 September, 10am–5pm
Horncastle Arena

Bringing together an extensive variety of services and products aimed at today's women. Price: TBA



2016 Chinese Festival

24 September, 3.30pm
Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts

Cultural exhibition, food fair, seminars and performance. Free



Vegetarian Expo

25 September, 10am–4.30pm
Ara Institute of Canterbury

Watch top veggie chefs display their cooking secrets and learn about vegetarian living. Adults \$5, children under 12 free



Hi-5 House Hits

5 October, 10am & 1pm
Isaac Theatre Royal

Featuring all of Hi-5's best-loved songs for you to sing and dance to! \$38.90–\$44.90



Sweeney Todd

12–15 October, 7.30pm
Isaac Theatre Royal

One of the most powerful, dramatic and theatrical horror tales ever set to music. \$50–\$110



Bill Bailey – Larks in Transit

20 October, 8pm
Horncastle Arena

A compendium of travellers' tales and the general shenanigans of 20 years as a travelling comedian. \$91.40



Healthy Food Guide Live!

29–30 October, 10am–5pm
Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre

\$15, kids under 10 free

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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