



Greater Christchurch

R E C O V E R Y U P D A T E



Happy to be home. Alisoun Cowles shows Earthquake Support Coordinator Chris Greengrass around her new kitchen

Earthquake support helps Kaiapoi resident towards a new start

When she stepped into her new home at Sovereign Palms, Kaiapoi, Alisoun Cowles says she felt like a big kid let loose in a toy shop.

Alisoun Cowles' Kaiapoi home was zoned red in June 2011. It had been badly affected by the September 2010 quake and was eventually deemed a rebuild. In September of last year, Alisoun and her adult son Jason moved into their brand new replacement home provided by their insurer, Lumley.

What are Earthquake Support Coordinators?

Earthquake Support Coordinators are available to help people navigate their way through the wide range of services involved in rebuilding homes and lives. Assistance is free and confidential. Call **0800 777 846**.

Earthquake counselling can also be accessed on **0800 777 846**.

The Canterbury Earthquake Temporary Accommodation Service can be reached on **0800 673 227** or go to: www.quakeaccommodation.govt.nz

Mrs Cowles says it wasn't always plain sailing. She's incredibly grateful to the Earthquake Support Coordination Service and coordinator Chris Greengrass.

"When I first encountered Chris, I had just been turned down for a grant and was in tears. I felt that I didn't deserve to be asking for support. Chris stepped in and immediately sorted it out.

"I didn't realise how much stress I was under until later but having the support of Chris's organisation was absolutely marvellous. Chris accompanied me every step of the way; sitting in on meetings and situations when it is great to have a second set of eyes and ears.

"Chris also helped me access a lot of grants and financial support I didn't know was out there. She was my rock," says Mrs Cowles.

Alisoun Cowles says she still pinches herself to check she hasn't dreamt up her new home.

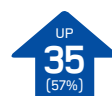
"It's done. Everything is so nice and new. I just walked in and put things in the cupboard. It was wonderful. I was like a big kid let loose in a toy shop. I know people are out there struggling but I want them to know it does happen, you will get there." ☺

Some facts about the housing recovery

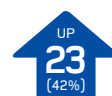
In Canterbury in the year to December 2012, building consents for new homes were up 1,642 (69 per cent) to 4,037



In the month of December 2012, compared with December 2011, the number of new dwellings consented in the Canterbury region was up 82 (41 per cent)



Christchurch



Waimakariri District



Selwyn District

4 new subdivisions



have been approved in greater Christchurch to support earthquake recovery. As soon as mid 2013 they will provide 1,800 new sections. That number will grow to 4,820 over the medium term

Final Crown offer dates near expiry

The final group of Crown offers for the flat lands expire on 31 March (or 31 May for properties in South New Brighton and Southshore). After these dates, the Crown's offer to purchase these properties will lapse and property owners will no longer be able to sell their properties to the Crown.

To accept the offer, property owners needed to submit a signed Agreement for Sale and Purchase to the Crown via their lawyer by 31 March 2013 (or 31 May 2013 for properties in South New Brighton and Southshore).

For more information please call **0800 RING CERA (0800 7464 2372)** or check out www.cera.govt.nz.

Healthy Christchurch

A Healthy Christchurch campaign has been launched to encourage Cantabrians to acknowledge the stresses they continue to be under following the earthquakes and to better understand that their feelings are normal.

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Hon Gerry Brownlee
Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

As we acknowledged the second anniversary of the 22 February 2011 earthquake, we remembered those who lost loved ones and those injured. Our thoughts are always with them.

Two years on from that devastating earthquake, and two and a half years on from the destructive earthquake of September 2010, it is also time to acknowledge and be positive about how much we have achieved and how much we have to look forward to.

2011 and 2012 were challenging years and 2013 will not be without challenges, but they will be different challenges and in itself this demonstrates that we are making real progress.

I assure you we will continue to seek progress with the challenges being faced by property owners and residents.

However, I'd like to explore here a key focus this year, that of progress on restoring a thriving central city to greater Christchurch.

I recently spoke to a group of Canterbury business leaders and "renamed" the central city the Rebuild Zone, no longer will we refer to it as the Red Zone.

Demolitions are nearly complete and where once there were buildings, there is bare land upon which new parks, public facilities and buildings will be constructed.

And those buildings which remain will be strengthened and be able to cope with any future event.

The Christchurch Central Development Unit was developed to create a consistent and coherent central city plan, to lead the core government sector developments detailed in the plan, and to attract private sector investment.

The CBD Blueprint in the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan was launched in July 2012 and has given certainty and direction to the shape and construction of a new central city. That certainty provides confidence for investors who put their capital at risk by building on a particular site.

"We now have a bold vision for our city centre, a design created in this city, by people who live in this city."

The new Christchurch will be founded on the best of today's urban design principles.

The Frame links with the Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct to provide transport corridors for cyclists and pedestrians, and affirm and enhance the leafy, green, garden city Christchurch has been known as.

When formulating the blueprint we knew local and central government would need new buildings, and

where those buildings went would impact on the decisions of investors. For example, hoteliers were anxious to know where a convention centre would be placed, and the location of the courts and police station would impact on the legal fraternity.

The core civic assets detailed in the blueprint are the anchors around which a city develops. They are also the assets which drive a very significant amount of economic and social activity, employment and prosperity – these are important things to remember for those who think our central city does not affect communities or our daily lives.

Many people have remarked that before the earthquakes the city was struggling to attract people, reflected in a decline of retail and hospitality in its centre. I am confident that will change.

Everyone is understandably anxious for things to "get going". We are working to streamline processes around tendering, design and other elements of getting major building projects off the ground, but there are many, many ducks to get in a row.

This year we will see the first anchor projects make significant progress.

It is appropriate that in this, the Garden City, the first project out of the ground, literally, will be the East Frame and the Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct. Detailed design work has commenced, and early construction will begin in April with completion by mid-to-late next year.

The site for the Convention Centre Precinct will be cleared within months and design work complete.

The Crown will own all the land necessary for the Bus Interchange by August this year and construction is planned to begin in early 2014.

The Crown will own all the land necessary for building the Metro Sports Facility by September, with finalised design and construction planned to begin soon afterward.

I'm also extremely impressed and heartened by the response of the private sector, especially in response to the Retail Precinct. Outline development plans have already been lodged covering the entire precinct.

My message to you is that while we'd all like things done yesterday, we have an exciting but realistic vision of what greater Christchurch will become, and orderly well-considered processes to make it happen.

I'd like to say in conclusion, the strongest legacy for me is how Christchurch has responded to the quakes, the way everyone is now going about their daily lives slightly differently, happy to be here, and working, and improving our city. We will improve our city, we have much to do but much to look forward to. ☺

Some facts about the recovery...



In the three months to December 2012, almost

170,000

cubic metres of ready-mixed concrete was produced in Canterbury – the equivalent of 68 Olympic-sized swimming pools



The inner city cordon has now reduced from 387 hectares in February 2011 to just

38 hectares



The number of employees in the construction sector in Canterbury increased by

32%

between February 2010 and February 2012 (from 15,520 to 20,420).

The most recent Household Labour Force Survey revealed Christchurch has gained

16,000

new jobs over the past year.



Recycling efforts from demolition:

About 90%

of materials from the central business district have been recycled (recovery rates have been as high as 96 percent for some buildings like the former Crowne Plaza Hotel)

Heavy rubble has been used to reclaim an area of harbour for the Lyttelton Port Company

Thousands

of tonnes of recycled rubble were used in the construction of the Christchurch Southern Motorway.

Central city update

CERA's Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU) is making good progress in the purchase of central Christchurch land for new development.

The owners of 58 commercial CBD properties have already agreed to sell to the Crown.

Contracts have been signed for 31 properties and agreement in principle reached with another 27 owners.

The Crown is seeking to buy 350 properties in total under the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan. Negotiations – many of them at an advanced stage – are ongoing with 182 of the properties. ☺

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(Left) Grass seeding under way in early February on the former PGC site on Cambridge Terrace. (Right) Progress three weeks later

Flower meadow starts to come to life in the central city

An innovative effort is bringing new life to some of the CBD's empty spaces - controlling dust and looking good at the same time.

Wildflower seeds have been planted and capped with hydro mulch to create flower meadows on a number of sites to the north of the central city. The area ranges from Cambridge Terrace to Peterborough Street, covering multiple sites. Some have been seeded with flowers, others with grass.

The former PGC site on Cambridge Terrace has been planted with grass seed, with funding provided by PGG

Wrightsons. The old Repertory Theatre site will also be grassed and an outdoor area with a mound created to host productions later in the year.

Baden Ewart, CERA General Manager Operations, says flower and grass meadows offer land owners a cost-effective and affordable green site treatment approach that looks good and helps reduce the dust hazard.

"CERA will cover all installation costs, and will mow the area once and continue to irrigate up to 31 March 2013. Future maintenance will then become the land owner's responsibility," says Mr Ewart. ♻️

Survey shows positive outlook in greater Christchurch

The results of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority's 2012 Wellbeing Survey reveal three-quarters of residents say life is good or extremely good.

Conducted for CERA by Nielsen Research between August and October last year, the Wellbeing Survey gathered responses from 2,381 residents. Participants were randomly selected from the electoral roll in Christchurch city and in the Waimakariri and Selwyn districts.

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee says the resilience of Cantabrians has shone through.

"While most respondents reported experiencing stress that had a negative effect on them, 74 per cent rated their overall

quality of life as good or extremely good, with only 7 per cent rating it poor," says Mr Brownlee.

Asked about positive outcomes arising from the earthquakes:

- 76 per cent had experienced pride in the ability to cope under difficult circumstances
- 69 per cent experienced increased resilience as a family
- 68 per cent had a renewed appreciation of life
- and 67 per cent experienced a heightened sense of community.

The results of the second part of the Wellbeing Survey – which was open to anyone to respond to on the CERA website – are due to be released later in the year. 🗳️

Healthy Christchurch 'All Right?' campaign under way

All Right? is a campaign designed to help Cantabrians think about their mental health and wellbeing and ways they can improve it.

In developing All Right?, Healthy Christchurch spoke to community leaders, undertook focus groups, and carried out a phone survey of 800 people in Christchurch and the Waimakariri and Selwyn districts. Overall the research painted a very complex picture of where people are with their wellbeing. On the one hand people are struggling with specifics – things like dealing with insurers and repairs. On the other hand there's a new found sense of

hope and optimism for the future. The research found many people indicated they would benefit from more tools to support them to improve their wellbeing.

The main messages of the All Right? campaign are that however you are feeling is all right, that you're not alone, and that there are small things you can do to boost your wellbeing.

To find out more, go to www.allright.org.nz 🗳️



Roger Sutton
CERA Chief Executive

We have established a set of priorities for CERA in 2013 around the rebuild and recovery of greater Christchurch.

The first is about building and maintaining confidence locally, nationally and internationally in the rebuild and recovery, particularly through our recovery programmes and plans. We are working closely with Ngāi Tahu, government departments, local government, NGOs and the community to coordinate action on the 26 programmes we are developing. And we are monitoring and reporting on the progress of this recovery.

We want this to be a community-led recovery so another major priority is assisting our communities in doing so.

CERA and others have brought in neighbourhood self-help expert Jim Diers for workshops attended by more than 500 people. We have also helped Red Cross bring Australian clinical psychologist Dr Rob Gordon to talk about the trauma of dealing with disasters.

We are encouraging and supporting the youth sector and community organisations and we have supported more than 30 Summer of Fun community events. We're involved in planning around community facilities and funding community activities.

CERA has engaged 24/7 security patrols for the residential red zone and part of their role is to keep in touch with residents still living there to provide some reassurance.

The remaining priority is about ensuring the timely repair and rebuilding of our residential areas. This involves managing the residential red zone process and clearing these areas. It also involves ensuring adequate land supply, and housing. We are seeing real progress in the suburbs.

We've worked hard on communication with the community, with the likes of meetings for residents and multi-disciplinary workshops.

CERA works closely with insurers and EQC on the progress of claim settlements and resolving any remaining blockages. We're also working with industry to encourage private sector innovation like the Firth-designed "Rib-Raft" foundation systems that can be used in TC3 areas.

Finishing the demolitions in the Christchurch central rebuild zone and beginning the construction phase is well under way. We hope to see the cordon gone by the middle of this year.

And of course, the anchor projects are a particularly exciting part of this progress. The Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct is an amazing opportunity to develop this 3.2km riverside area.

Submissions on the draft Accessible City – Transport Chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan closed on 1 February and there were 170 online submissions and more than 100 written submissions received. These are now being analysed.

CERA is also working on the funding required for this rebuild and the investment opportunities that it creates.

We want this city to be an interesting place to live in and interact with during the rebuild, not just when it has happened. There is a lot of work happening around beautifying the city, providing places for people to visit and use.

I will report back to you regularly. Watch this space! 🗳️

Earthquake Commission land cover:

EQC land insurance makes New Zealand the only country in the world where there is natural disaster coverage for land damage. And it is this unique feature of the Earthquake Commission scheme that is going to be increasingly important to Canterbury homeowners in the coming year.

EQC has been covering land damage to residential properties across New Zealand for nearly 30 years. Every year, EQC gets hundreds of claims for land damage caused by 'weather bombs' such as slips and flooding. While Canterbury will be the biggest set of claims it has ever dealt with, it will settle them in the same way it does across the country.

This year, EQC will undertake detailed field assessments of more than 70,000 flat land properties with damage. This damage provides a unique challenge because EQC is covering a type of land damage not often encountered, says EQC Head of Land Settlement Zac Berry.

Who and what is covered?

"Everyone with valid residential property fire insurance is automatically covered for buildings and land," Mr Berry says. EQC customers who claimed for building or contents damage from any of the damaging Canterbury quakes are also entitled to cover for any land damage from those events.

"Cover is set by the EQC Act, and includes the area under the house, or outbuildings such as sheds, and an area of 8 metres around those buildings.

"Land within 60 metres of the house that constitutes, supports or is part of the main access way to the house from the boundary, is also covered," Mr Berry says.

EQC also covers bridges, culverts and retaining walls that are on the area of insured land. However, cover for bridges, culverts and retaining walls is for their indemnity (depreciated) value, which is usually less than replacement value.

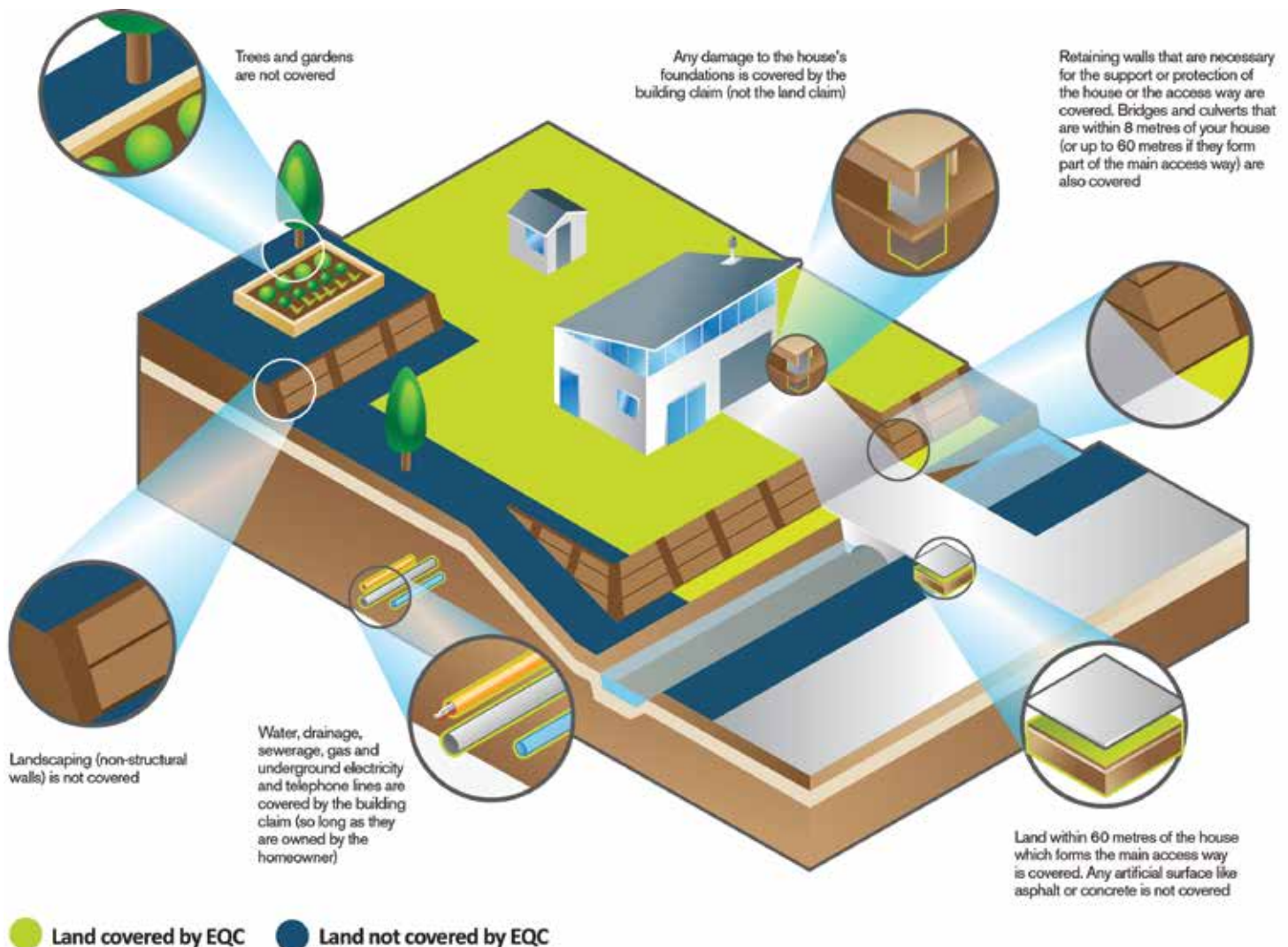
Settlement of claims

Mr Berry says EQC will settle the vast majority of claims in cash. For small claims, or for damage that cannot be practically repaired, such as land lost over a cliff, the customer can decide what is best to do with the settlement.

However, customers with a mortgage, or who have had a building claim passed to their private insurer, are advised to talk to their lender and/or insurer to discuss their intentions. Lenders set a threshold for settlements: above the threshold, EQC pays your settlement direct to the lender; below it, it pays the settlement to the land owner.

Increased liquefaction and flooding risk

"When we deal with land damage, we most commonly deal with damage that can be seen. In the case of the flat land properties in greater Christchurch, this includes cracking, undulation, ponding, settlement causing drainage issues, groundwater springs and inundation of sand and silt. But greater Christchurch has presented an entirely new situation



know where you stand

where in some cases there is increased vulnerability to liquefaction and flooding, which has had to be understood," Mr Berry says.

"Liquefaction and flooding is a risk that has always existed, but the risk to some properties has changed due to the quakes."

Since early 2012, EQC has been undertaking geotechnical testing in TC3 areas, both to support the design of appropriate building foundations, and to understand whether the land has changed in regard to the risk of damage from liquefaction in a future earthquake.

"In the vast majority of cases, there is no change – the properties always had a degree of vulnerability, and that is still there. However, there is a small group that will be in a

worse position, and we are drilling now to identify these and establish a monetary value for this increased risk," Mr Berry says.

EQC is also investigating how many properties are at increased risk of flooding in a 1-in-100-year flood event. ♻️

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Land assessments gather pace in 2013

At the beginning of the year, EQC teams of assessors swung into action to begin detailed field assessments of 70,000 flat land properties in Canterbury.

Already 100 two-person assessment teams have completed 5,000 property inspections, and the complex task of using this information to calculate pay out entitlements is under way.

EQC Head of Land Settlement Zac Berry says that the assessments are proceeding from east to west, meaning some of the most complex damage is being dealt with first.

"There's a huge number of variables that come into play in settling a land claim that call on quite specialised skills that are in limited supply. These include people capable of undertaking the geotechnical evaluation of the information reported back by the assessment teams,

and we also need people with good knowledge of the local property market who can help with establishing the value of the land in question."

This doesn't affect the EQC target of having all assessments of all damaged land completed by the end of the year, but it does mean that it may take longer than first anticipated to begin making payments. EQC will be paying the most straightforward claims sooner than the more complex claims such as those involving increased vulnerability to liquefaction and flooding. It is expecting to pay all land claims by the end of 2014.

"We've already begun paying the 7,000 Port Hills claims where things like damaged retaining walls were common," says Mr Berry.

In the Port Hills, almost all of the assessments have been completed and EQC has established settlement recommendations for about 4,000 of those claims. ♻️

BRIEFS

Rebuild and Recovery Expo for greater Christchurch residents

Residents and property owners can gain information to help them make decisions about repairing and rebuilding, and the recovery generally, at the Rebuild and Recovery Expo at CBS Canterbury Arena, 27-28 April 2013.

Seminars will also be presented by experts on a range of residential rebuild topics.

Our website, www.cera.govt.nz will soon be updated with details.



Land Use Recovery Plan consultation starts soon

Public consultation on the proposed Land Use Recovery Plan for greater Christchurch starts in mid March. The Land Use Recovery Plan will provide certainty for residential and business land use needs and respond to the effects of the earthquakes. There will be a focus on ensuring provision for a diverse range of housing types and the rebuild of centres of activity, and that infrastructure and transport are integrated with land use. It will also ensure consideration of natural hazards underpins land use decision-making. There will be a series of key stakeholder and public workshops for input into the proposed changes.

For updates, go to: www.developingchoices.org.nz

Christchurch City Council seeks public's views on a proposed plan change

Christchurch City Council is seeking the public's views on the proposed rezoning of three areas of land for industrial and other business uses in the northwest of Christchurch.

The rezoning changes are being proposed to ensure enough land is zoned to meet demand, thereby supporting the future growth and recovery of the city.

The areas being considered for rezoning are:

- 15 hectares at 711 Johns Road, north of Waimakariri Road (Area 1)
- 50 hectares north of Wairakei Road between Woodridge Road and Russley Road (Area 2)
- 35 hectares between Hawthornden Road and Russley Road (Area 3).

Public meeting

- 12 March 5.30pm–7.30pm (presentation starts at 6pm). St Mark's Presbyterian Church Auditorium, 150 Withells Road, Avonhead
- or visit: www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

The final date for written comments is 5pm on 28 March 2013.



Five SCIRT key projects

1 Pressure Main 11 rebuild – 90 per cent complete

Carrying 30 per cent of the city's wastewater, this major pipeline project from Bromley through Linwood to the Woolston pump station began more than a year ago and the finish line is in sight. Two segments of the 3.6km pipeline – 300 metres outside Eastgate Mall and 50 metres on Rudds Road – are still to be done.

2 Pressure Main 105 – new wastewater pipe servicing new subdivisions Wigram and Halswell

The most disruptive part of this new pipeline's installation – along Matipo Street, Wrights Road and Birmingham Drive, Middleton – began in February 2013. The expected completion date is June. Traffic management systems are being closely monitored to improve traffic flows in the vicinity.

3 Avondale Bridge

This eight-month repair, which closes the bridge to traffic, will be completed in August 2013 and is progressing well. Southern-side sheet piles are in place and a temporary footbridge is being installed.

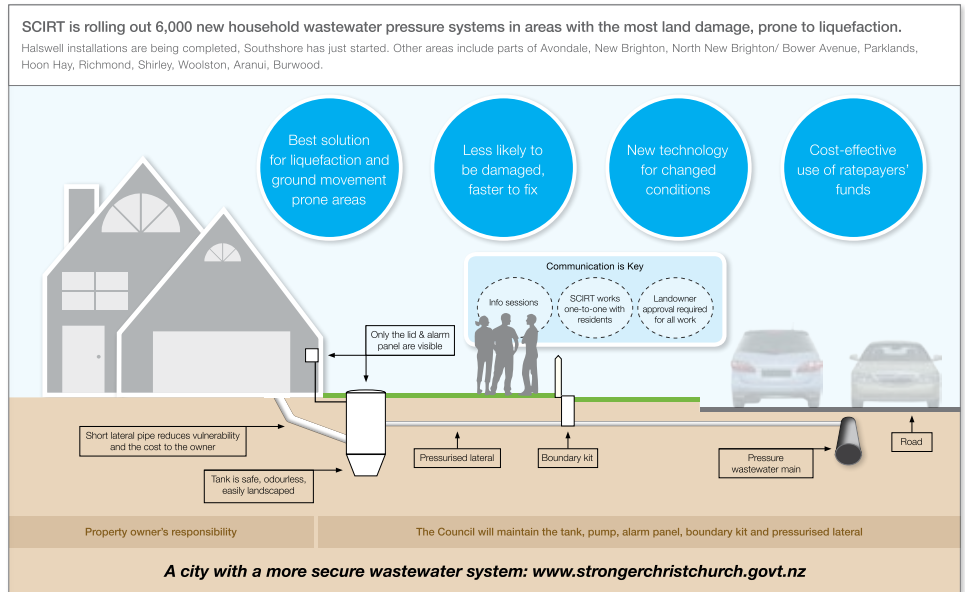
4 Lyttelton retaining walls

Several of SCIRT's major retaining wall projects in the port town are close to completion; including Sumner Road stage one, Cunningham Terrace, and Canterbury, Ripon and London Streets. Selwyn Road and Ross Terrace are scheduled for completion in late April 2013.

5 City-wide pressure wastewater installations

Halswell installations are being landscaped. Southshore's 600 installations have started. Around 5,000 installations are to come city-wide. Parklands and parts of Avondale are at the information session stage; part of Woolston is getting information this month. ♻️

Pressure wastewater systems: the most resilient solution



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Installation Checklist:

- Check location of sediment fence on site (Erosion and Sediment Control Plan)
- Review site safety and equipment needed
- 'Dazzle' and dig the trench
- Install 'Y' posts and yellow safety caps
- Install top and middle wires
- Attach sediment fence fabric
- Back fill and check installation
- Ongoing maintenance until removal or recycling
- Completion of works on site

No sitting on the fence with sediment control

Sediment is one of the worst pollutants that can get into our waterways and it's everybody's job to keep it out.

Fine sediment can harm water quality and ecosystem health so it's important that steps are taken throughout the rebuild to control run-off during work on residential subdivisions, roading projects, landfills and the like, especially if there are streams and rivers nearby.

One thing that should be included in a sediment and erosion control plan is the installation of a silt fence. Not only does it stop sediment run-off into waterways, it helps improve topsoil retention. Here is a checklist for the basics on how to install a silt fence.

For more information, watch the video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6bpcZXGkrl> or refer to Environment Canterbury's Erosion and Sediment Control Guide: <http://ecan.govt.nz/publications/Pages/erosion-sediment-control-guidelines.aspx> ♻️



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Crowds gather for the Valentine's day New Brighton gig night



Summer of Fun – the fun times are still rolling on



Over 30 community-run 'fun days' have already been held as part of the Summer of Fun – with hundreds of people participating.

The days are for all the community to enjoy, free of charge. They include music, sausage sizzles, bouncy castles, balloon

twisters, face-painting and YMCA-run activities to keep everyone entertained.

Summer of Fun runs until early April. You can find out about the next event closest to you by going to: www.bethere.co.nz or the Choice Christchurch Facebook page. 📍



An old favourite set to return

Christchurch's prized New Regent Street is getting closer to its much-anticipated reopening.

A collaborative effort to restore and repair the majority of the shops in the 'Spanish Mission' style street is largely complete. Most of the 38 shop owners joined together to employ construction company Naylor Love in the substantial restoration project. Some chose to carry out their own work programmes.

CERA and the Christchurch City Council are working to reduce the cordon around New Regent Street ahead of the planned reopening. Fit-out work to ready the shop fronts for opening is under way and work by SCIRT to repair damaged infrastructure is also ongoing.

Chair of the New Regent Street Committee David Manning, says the street was built in 1931 by Arthur Francis Stacey after the Napier earthquake which he believes is why it held up so well.

"When it's finished and the street is paved, it will be just like it was back then."

The units have been restored using as much of the original heritage material as possible. They have also been earthquake strengthened to 68 or 69 per cent of the Building Code. 📍



Stay well, stay flu-free this winter

A message from Dr Ramon Pink, Chair of the Immunisation Service Level Alliance (ISLA).

Influenza is a serious infection that is well worth avoiding – ask anyone who has had it recently.

Getting immunised well ahead of winter every year is the best way to ensure you stay well and can keep doing what you enjoy. Whether it's studying, taking part in sports and hobbies, or simply spending quality time with whānau – don't let flu wreck your plans.

In Canterbury, protecting yourself by getting immunised is a simple matter of calling your GP team and making an appointment.

The flu vaccine is expected to be available at general practices from the beginning of March and is free to people over 65, the chronically ill and pregnant women until the end of July. In Canterbury, it will also be available free to under 18s this year from April to July and for at least the next two winters.

If your child is aged between six months and 18 years old, make an appointment at your general practice for their free flu vaccination. **If your child goes to a secondary school in Christchurch or Kaiapoi, they will be offered a free flu vaccination at their secondary school.**

I encourage you to get your flu shot early to protect yourself and people close to you before flu numbers start to rise.

Stay well, stay flu-free this winter. 📍

Send us your feedback

The Greater Christchurch Recovery Update is your monthly update on the progress of recovery. If you have a story idea or wish to send us feedback, you can email newsletter@cera.govt.nz or send a letter to:

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REHABILITATION OF WASTEWATER PIPES IN RANGIORA & KAIAPOI AREA

As part of its earthquake recovery work, the Waimakariri District Council has contracted Interflow (NZ) Ltd to carry out essential repairs from mid-February through April 2013 at a number of sites in the wastewater network in Kaiapoi and Rangiora.

What does the work involve?

- Using high pressure water to clean the public wastewater pipe which serves a number of properties
- Relining the public wastewater pipe using a method that does not require any excavation work.

How does it affect you?

- You will receive a letter from the Council advising if this work affects you. A letter from Interflow will follow letting you know the dates it will be working in your area
- Before starting work, the team will check to see if you are home and introduce themselves
- Access to manholes on your property may be required – you will be advised if this is the case
- There will be no disruption to wastewater service while works are completed.

Maps highlighting the work areas in Kaiapoi and Rangiora and further information are available on the New Foundations website at newfoundations.org.nz

If you have any questions regarding the relining work call Project Manager Robert Frizzell on 03 311 8900 ext 8877 or email robert.frizzell@wmk.govt.nz



Christchurch – the transitional city

Life is being brought back to the central city with a range of transitional projects being delivered by the Christchurch City Council.

The Transitional City project team, based at Rebuild Central on Lichfield Street, are responsible for a number of temporary projects designed to brighten up the central city and accelerate recovery by attracting people, business and investment back to the area.

These projects have been carried out in public and private spaces throughout the central city. Council-funded initiatives like Gap Filler, Greening the Rubble and the Life in Vacant Spaces trust are working with private land owners, and a number of streets are getting a temporary make-over. Examples include the colourful new Oxford Terrace, the parklet outside C1 Espresso on Tuam Street, a revamp of Gloucester Street to coincide with the planned reopening of New Regent Street and the Gap Filler Pallet Pavilion on the former Crowne Plaza site.

Urban Design and Regeneration Unit Manager Carolyn Ingles says new spaces are opening up in the city all the time and the transitional projects are designed to brighten them, make them safe and provide an element of surprise for residents and visitors to the central city.

“Transitional projects provide an opportunity to test new ideas, explore new concepts and find new ways to work with the private sector and wider community to breathe life back into the heart of our city.

“Improvements to public space and streetscapes are being made around areas where businesses are beginning to re-establish themselves.”

Check out www.futurechristchurch.co.nz to keep up to date with the latest transitional projects. ♻️



The Tuam Street parklet gives C1 Espresso a lively street presence

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New medical facilities on the way for Darfield

Darfield will soon have a new medical centre with state-of-the-art consulting rooms.

The new centre is under construction at the moment and is expected to be completed in April.

The existing medical centre on North Terrace is outdated and too small to service Darfield and the surrounding rural communities. In the past decade the town's population has grown by nearly 500 residents to reach around 1,800 (Statistics New Zealand, 2011).

The new medical centre is being built on the corner of Horndon and McIlraith Streets, behind Darfield Hospital. The land is leased from the Canterbury District Health Board. Selwyn District Council owns the current medical centre and will also own the new building. Once the new medical centre is open, the existing medical centre will close, and the practice will relocate to the new building.

The new centre will feature:

- four consulting rooms
- two treatment rooms
- a meeting room
- a waiting room
- a procedure room
- a medication room
- reception, nurse and practice manager areas. ♻️



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