



# Greater Christchurch

## RECOVERY UPDATE



Artist's impression of the fully restored Isaac Theatre Royal façade.

### Back in business: A big step forward for New Regent Street

The rain did little to deter a steady flow of locals and tourists keen to enjoy New Regent Street on its opening weekend (20-21 April).

Most of the shops have been restored as part of a collaborative effort by many of the property owners on the street. Shops are gradually being re-tenanted but those that are already open say they're thrilled with the level of support from the public.

Central City Business Association Manager Paul Lonsdale is also elated with the progress.

"It's fantastic. Another step forward and I think there is a lot of empathy out there for businesses trying to get back on their feet.

"I also love the daisy chain leading to the street which brings even more colour to the central city. The opening of the city-side riverbank to the public at the same time brings everything together nicely." ☺



Christchurch sisters Madison (13) and Reagan (4) ignore the rain and play on the 'outdoor reading room' alongside the multi-coloured daisy chain on Gloucester Street which leads the way to New Regent Street.

## Theatre restoration

The project to restore the Grand Old Lady of Christchurch theatre is making great progress. In fact, the Chief Executive of the Isaac Theatre Royal (ITR) Neil Cox believes they are now more than half way towards once again being operational.

Extensive earthquake strengthening in the late 1990s saved the century-old theatre on Gloucester Street from complete collapse. The Back of House, which was built in 2004/05, suffered moderate damage and is being repaired. However, the 1908 auditorium and 1928 foyer were too

badly damaged to be saved, and careful deconstruction was finally completed in March. The original Edwardian heritage façade will be retained although foundation work was required.

Neil Cox says foundation work is now complete and construction is well underway on the orchestra pit which will sit beneath the main stage. Foundation and deep piling work has also been completed under what will be the rebuilt and replicated auditorium. The theatre will seat between 1,280 and 1,300 people, which is slightly more than the pre-quake capacity.

The next step will be to restore the original ceiling dome, which will be lowered once the stage has been rebuilt. The dome is painted canvas over a wood frame and it suffered some moisture damage after being exposed to the elements. Although intact and now protected, it is in need of some restoration.

Neil Cox says from the start of design to actual completed building work, the project is more than half way complete.

"We are still confident of being able to open in the second quarter of 2014, if not before. We are taking provisional bookings from the middle of June 2014 onwards. That's for shows from Royal New Zealand Ballet, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, Showbiz Christchurch and New Zealand Opera, among others.

"We are conscious of how much our local arts organisations have been struggling for the lack of venues. They're all desperate to get back to the Isaac Theatre Royal," says Mr Cox. ☺



The theatre will also feature in an episode of a new antipodean TV show Tony Robinson's Time Walks (seen filming here). Tony Robinson found fame in the 1980s as Rowan Atkinson's ill-treated sidekick Baldrick in the BBC comedy Blackadder. With his focus now on archaeology, he was drawn to the ITR after an archaeological find of what are believed to be 19th century circus artefacts. The show is set to screen at the end of the year.

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Hon Gerry Brownlee  
Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

### Cantabrians' resilience and optimism continues to impress.

I've been looking at the latest economic recovery dashboard collated by CERA, posted monthly on CERA's website [www.cera.govt.nz/economic-indicators](http://www.cera.govt.nz/economic-indicators)

Canterbury continues to defy the gloomy predictions some made of a mass exodus from the region, mass unemployment, stagnant growth and a struggling regional economy.

Economic growth in our region remains strong and optimism in the business sector is higher than elsewhere in New Zealand.

Trading volumes through both the Port of Lyttelton and Christchurch Airport continue to rise. In fact, the Lyttelton Port Company has announced two new shipping services to the region, which will increase shipments of cargo such as steel.

Retail trade in Canterbury has also increased – by 5.8 per cent in March compared with 3.8 per cent nationally, while the Westpac McDermott Miller survey for March indicates Canterbury consumers are significantly more optimistic than elsewhere in New Zealand.

Not surprisingly unemployment is lower in Canterbury than elsewhere in the country, at 4.9 per cent. In fact, employers continue to report challenges sourcing labour.

Migration into Christchurch will go a long way towards addressing this challenge, with international migration into the region outstripping migration out. Population levels in Selwyn and Waimakariri are already above pre-earthquake levels.

This economic resilience is fundamentally important, but it is important to remember that many of us are still facing challenges.

I acknowledge that some people are still dealing with complex insurance issues, and that insurance-related delays and difficulties have a direct impact on individual and community resilience.

I am pleased to have announced the establishment of the Residential Advisory Service, which will provide residential property owners independent assistance in addressing insurance and other issues related to the rebuild.

I'd like to close by acknowledging the work of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Community Forum.

When I established the Community Forum in 2011, I envisaged a group representative of the diversity of people and communities affected in so many different ways by the earthquakes and aftershocks. And I wanted that group to provide a perspective on the recovery processes and progress which reflected those individual and community experiences.

The Community Forum has provided those perspectives through comment and advice to me, to CERA, and to other relevant agencies. Its input has always been well-considered, honest and at times challenging.

Community Forum members give their time for free and I'd like to thank them for their commitment to date and for their ongoing commitment to seeing greater Christchurch rebuilt better than it was. 🔄

# Residential Advisory Service set to launch

**Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee has announced the Residential Advisory Service (RAS) will begin later this month.**

RAS is an advisory service, not an advocacy service. Its aim is to help property owners to progress through the repair and rebuild process, including insurance-related issues, and it's free to use.

The independent service is designed to assist property owners who believe they are in disagreement with other parties, or feel they do not understand or are not confident about the complex matters associated with their rebuild or repair. It will identify potential solutions, prevent unnecessary disputes and contribute to a smooth and timely rebuild.

RAS has been developed through consultation with the community and the insurance sector. Those consulted include residents' groups, frontline staff working with residents such as the Earthquake Support Coordination Service, the Christchurch City Council, the legal community, insurers, the Insurance Council of New Zealand, the Insurance and Savings Ombudsman, and EQC.

CERA's role in the RAS is to facilitate its development but the service is not delivered by CERA itself. A range of technical experts will be available to support the RAS and they will be accessed through the service's independent advisers.

More information on the service will be available later this month on the CERA website: [www.cera.govt.nz](http://www.cera.govt.nz) 🔄

## An update on the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Community Forum

**The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Community Forum (the Forum) was established by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011.**

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Gerry Brownlee envisaged a group that would reflect 'grassroots' communities and provide a perspective on the recovery process informed by those communities. Currently numbering 30, Forum members come from an impressive variety of backgrounds and experiences and have been nominated by a wide range of community groups and individuals.

Chair Darren Wright says a key strength of the Forum is the diverse nature of its members.

"We each bring a unique perspective and we learn from each other, and collectively we are a strong voice on behalf of the communities we represent, and the wider community.

"The two-way nature of the conversations is also key."

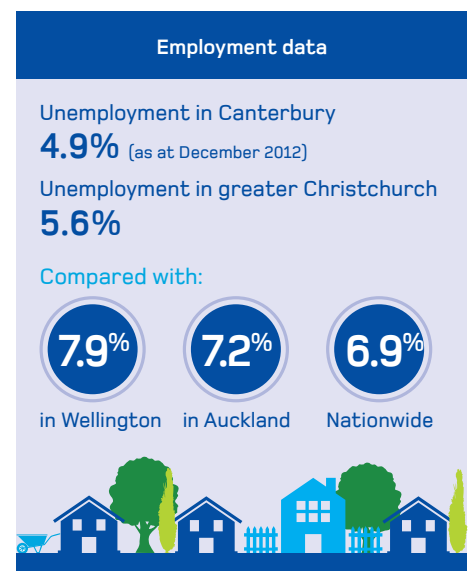
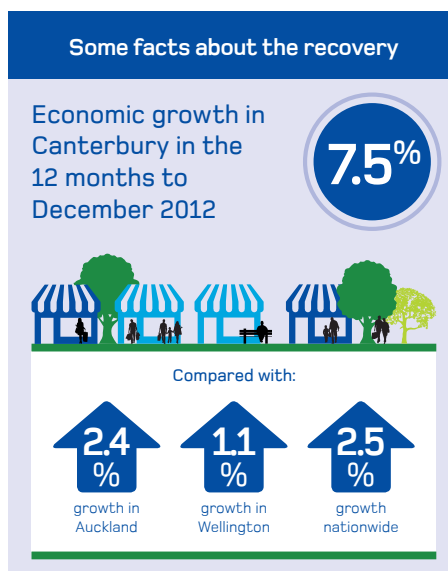
Regular advice is provided to the Forum on key CERA workstreams and projects, so that Forum members can

communicate appropriate information to their communities.

The Forum identifies issues affecting individuals and communities. If Forum members feel they require more focus and advice, briefings are sought from, for example, the insurance industry, EQC and territorial authorities. Feedback is provided directly.

The Forum provides Minister Brownlee with information and advice on earthquake recovery matters. Advice is also being increasingly sought from the Forum by CERA and other Government agencies on a range of issues and policies in development, including the Recovery Strategy (Mahere Haumanutanga o Waitaha), temporary workers' accommodation, the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan, the review of the Earthquake Commission Act 1993, and the Land Use Recovery Plan.

"I suppose we seem relatively low-key to many, but in fact we are in a unique and privileged position. We certainly value that and ensure that we are heard on behalf of the communities we represent," says Mr Wright. 🔄



# Southern Response rebuild/repair projections

Southern Response is the Crown-owned company responsible for settling insurance claims by AMI policyholders for Canterbury earthquake damage which occurred before 5 April 2012 (the date AMI was sold to IAG).

Southern Response became responsible for settling about a third of all over-cap residential claims (along with out of EQC scope claims, contents, loss of rent and temporary

accommodation claims) at a cost now estimated at \$2.2 billion.

The company has already settled 31 per cent of its over-cap claims, including most of its red zone claims.

So far, around 2,500 customers have chosen to have Southern Response carry out their rebuilds and repairs. It projects its rebuild and repair timeframes will be completed in 2016. ♻️



**Roger Sutton**  
CERA Chief Executive

**There is no hiding from the wintry weather anymore – it seems our long hot summer is well and truly behind us. And with winter comes the temptation to hunker down and hibernate, which in any other city would be fine. But as we head into our third winter since the earthquakes it may be a good idea for Cantabrians to think more about ensuring our social and physical activity doesn't fall by the way side.**

While it's clear that for many people the EQC and insurer repair programmes are well underway, or completed, there are others who are not yet at the top of the queue. And for these people, winter will not be an appealing prospect.

Late last year a visiting Australian specialist, Dr Rob Gordon, came to Christchurch to offer some tips for getting through these tough times. And one of his top tips was to maintain an established daily or weekly routine, or if necessary create new routines during the recovery period.

Dr Gordon says that established routines protect us from uncertainty and constant change. I find a good application of that through exercise. For example, my summer routine is to bike to work, so why not consider continuing that through winter?

I can just wrap up and power on through! Exercise is good for the soul and in our case, good for recovery. You might not be such a fan of cycling – but perhaps you can walk to work, despite the weather.

But as difficult as this third year may be for some people, we should not overlook the hugely positive aspects of this process.

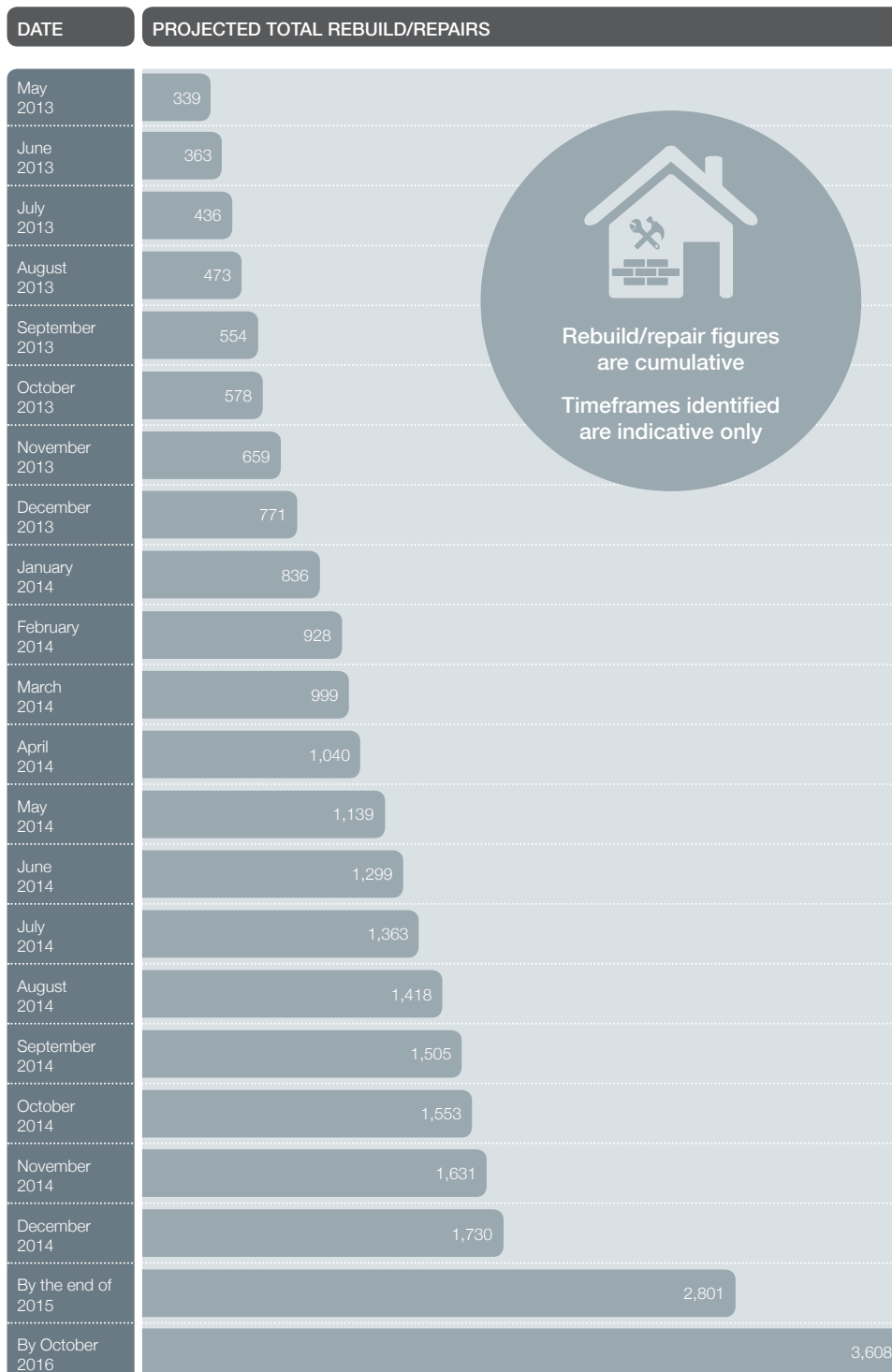
As you'll read further through this Greater Christchurch Recovery Update, the Christchurch City Council is currently receiving record numbers of consent applications for new homes. This means the insurance process is working and hundreds of families are moving on to newer pastures.

We can also measure progress directly from insurers. Take the time to read Southern Response's update – the insurer has already settled a third of its over-cap claims and has a rebuild/repair programme well underway.

Since our last edition there have been positive changes to the CBD. Have you walked the city-side of the river from Re:START Mall to the Pallet Pavilion yet? Or sauntered along New Regent Street?

Gloucester Street has had a bit of a make-over by council and it's well worth a look. Why not make a day of it one weekend and take the family for a walk along these parts of the city that have been behind the cordon for so long?

Coats, hats and scarfs will keep the chill out, but the exercise may just help keep the positive attitude in. ♻️





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## Rebuild Zone cordon reduces further

Access to three areas of the Christchurch central city has been further opened up.

The area surrounding New Regent Street is open, giving public walking access from both Armagh and Gloucester Streets.

The city-side area of the Avon River between Hereford and Armagh Streets is also open to pedestrians. This will create a walkway from Re:START Mall through to Victoria Square and the Pallet Pavilion.

A section of Cambridge Terrace, west of Manchester Street has also been opened up. This will provide the public with access to the PGC site, where 18 people lost their lives in the February 2011 earthquake.

To view details about the Rebuild Zone cordon, go to:  
<http://cera.govt.nz/cbd-rebuild-zone/cordon-map>

## Central city land update

CERA's Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU) has now reached agreements to purchase almost a third of the central Christchurch land it needs for the development of its anchor projects.

The owners of 83 commercial CBD properties have agreed to sell to the Crown.

Of this total, 27 property owners have settled with the Crown, while another 23 have signed sale and purchase agreements.

Agreement in principle has been reached with the owners of another 33 properties.

In terms of square metres, these properties equate to more than 31 per cent of the land designated for the anchor projects under the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

The Crown is seeking to purchase 350 properties in total.

In brief (as at 19 April 2013), the Crown now has:

- 31% of the land designated for all the anchor projects combined
- 56% of the land needed for the Convention Centre Precinct
- 51% of the land needed for the Justice and Emergency Services Precinct
- 35.6% of the land needed for the East Frame.



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## New library and service centre for Linwood

Christchurch City Council opened the temporary new Linwood Library and Service Centre at Eastgate Shopping Centre, Buckleys Road, on Tuesday 30 April 2013.

The new library and service centre opened on the first floor of the Eastgate Shopping Centre as part of the Council's commitment to restoring key community services in the city post-earthquake. It is the first time Linwood has had a combined library and service centre. The Council has signed a three-year lease with the shopping centre for the space.

Key features:

- For the first time since the February 2011 earthquake, library customers visiting the new Eastgate facility will get the chance to borrow items from the 50,000-strong collection that was at the Linwood Library in Cranley Street before its closure after the February 2011 earthquake
- The library will have 14 computers offering free internet access. There are also distinct areas for customers of all ages, including a children's area, a young person's area and an older person's area.

# Housing New Zealand's 5,000 repair programme underway

Last month, Housing New Zealand started its large-scale repair of up to 5,000 properties damaged in the earthquakes.

"We have started in Casebrook and Bishopdale, repairing 180 properties, which will take us three to four months," Earthquake Recovery Manager Andrew Booker says. "At the same time we have organised a rubbish amnesty. It's a good opportunity for our tenants to get rid of stuff they don't want any more."

"As far as is practical, our contractors will work around tenants to minimise any disruption to their home-life particularly for elderly people and families with young children."

Mr Booker says that while the Bishopdale work is continuing, other contracts will begin to repair a further 185 properties in the Waimakariri and North Canterbury areas.

"We have a lot of ground to cover, with our properties spread across the city and in other parts of Canterbury. Our target is to repair the first 550 by Christmas and we hope to achieve this and more." ♻️



Earthquake repairs underway on 5,000 Housing New Zealand properties.



## UPDATE FROM THE EARTHQUAKE COMMISSION (EQC)

### EQC home heating

Nineteen thousand Canterbury homes have had heat pumps or fuel burners installed ahead of their full repairs over the last two winters, as part of the Canterbury Home Repair Programme (CHRP). CHRP is the managed repair programme for houses with damage in the \$15,000 to \$100,000 bracket.

"Anyone with valid insurance can get their primary heat source repaired or replaced at absolutely no cost to them," says EQC CHRP manager Reid Stiven. "They just need to tell us ASAP so we can arrange it."

Secondary heat sources are repaired or replaced as part of the normal full-scope repairs of each home.

If you lost your primary heat source in any of the earthquakes, please call EQC on 0800 DAMAGE (0800 326 243).

### TC3 drilling investigations finish

In December 2012, EQC finished its geotechnical investigations (drilling) in TC3 areas on properties with identified foundation damage and that had suffered building damage totalling less than the EQC cap of \$100,000 + GST per event. During April 2013 EQC completed TC3 land assessment geotechnical investigation work.

The drilling programmes covered all TC3 areas within Christchurch city, Kaiapoi and surrounding areas. About 5,000 cone penetrometer tests and 1,000 boreholes were drilled, and enough soil samples were collected to fill around 23 forty-foot shipping containers.

The data gathered during these investigations is being processed before it is deposited into the Canterbury Geotechnical Database, administered by CERA. The data is used to determine the extent of land damage and to design foundation repairs for less than cap earthquake-damaged buildings. ♻️



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## UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

# What is Environment Canterbury going to be doing this winter to help improve air quality?

ECan will be working in the community to raise awareness that smoky chimneys make a significant contribution to the wintertime PM10 air pollution problem. A 24-hour average reading for PM10 over 50 micrograms per cubic metre is considered a high pollution day.

An average chimney will emit around 3 to 5g of particulate for each kilogram of fuel burnt. An excessively smoky chimney can emit around 20g of particulate per kilogram – four to five times more than average.

This winter Environment Canterbury will be asking people to check their own chimneys. They can go outside and just see how much smoke is being emitted, especially around 20 minutes after lighting the fire.

ECan will also be asking people to take action when they see a badly smoking chimney. They can call the Pollution Hotline on 03 366 4663 within Christchurch or 0800 765 88 in other areas. One of our Domestic Home Heating officers will call and chat to the homeowner about ways they can reduce the smoke. ♻️



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# Roadworks reactions: realists outweigh ragers

A Press web survey earlier this year asked readers, "How do you find the state of Christchurch's roads?"

- Of 807 voters, 63 per cent agreed that roadworks are annoying but there are worse things.
- Another 11 per cent said roadworks did not bother them.
- And 26 per cent said, "They've turned me into a road rage monster."

For the safety of the city's roadworkers and traffic people, as well as all of us on the road – pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, passengers – we need to remind ourselves that roadworks equal rebuild.

A more recent SCIRT survey of 300 people shows that many of us are doing just that.

- Most people – 87 per cent – agreed or strongly agreed that they were prepared to tolerate short-term roadworks pain for longer-term rebuild gain.
- More than 90 per cent of people had confidence that SCIRT was undertaking its infrastructure rebuild in the right order, balancing competing demands.

## What were people's concerns around SCIRT's work?

- Ensuring the job is done properly and would be a permanent solution concerned 24 per cent.
- The need to prioritise roads in the most affected suburbs concerned 10 per cent.
- Traffic management worries scored relatively low – around 1 per cent.

## SCIRT also got some helpful steers from the survey.

- Ease of navigation around roadworks scored lower – just 55 per cent were satisfied or very satisfied with this.
- Another 22 per cent were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with roadworks.
- 24 per cent were very unhappy or dissatisfied with the ease of getting through roadworks sites.

## The survey confirmed that Christchurch people have changed their daily travel habits.

- Close to 70 per cent of people said they plan a journey ahead before leaving home.
- While 67 per cent said they would not consider using the bus or riding a bike to save time, 25 per cent said they would. If that 25 per cent translated into drivers leaving their cars at home, our roads would be a lot less congested and safer at peak periods.

SCIRT thanks everyone who participated in the survey. While it is good to see the high levels of confidence in some areas and people's generally stoical attitude to roadworks inconvenience, it is also important for our teams to keep up the informative and accurate works notices, signs and other forms of communication. Making sure that people get well-timed notice of roadworks changes – in as many ways as possible – is a constant aim.

Use [www.transportforchristchurch.govt.nz](http://www.transportforchristchurch.govt.nz) to help plan your journey before you jump into the car. ♻️

## Did you know?

An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 road cones are in use by SCIRT at any one time.

Every day within greater Christchurch there are over 1.1 million trips made by car or truck; there are 50,000 bus trips and a similar number made by bike.

SCIRT estimates over 1.5 million cars pass through roadwork sites daily.



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## UPDATE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

### The Ministry of Education's Greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme passed another milestone on 27 March 2013, when the Minister of Education announced final decisions for 12 schools affected by the Government's education renewal plans.

Minister Hekia Parata stated, when announcing interim decisions for 31 primary schools on 18 February 2013, that schools could choose to accept their interim decisions, allowing her to make final decisions, and provide parents, teachers and schools with certainty, sooner than would otherwise be the case.

The 12 decisions made final are:

- Burnham Primary School, Burnside Primary School, Duvauchelle School, Okains Bay School, Ouruhia Model School and Shirley Intermediate will remain open
- Bromley and Linwood Avenue schools, and Yaldhurst Model and Gilberthorpe schools will no longer be merged
- Discovery One School and Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti schools will merge as a Year 1–13 designated character school effective from 27 January 2014.

The other 19 schools had until 28 March to provide a further submission on their interim decision. Their submissions are now being considered before final decisions are announced in late May 2013.

Interim decisions for five Aranui schools are expected in early May 2013. Those five schools – Aranui High School, Chisnallwood Intermediate, Aranui School, Wainoni School and Avondale School – had a longer period to make submissions due to the complexity of the single-site proposal relating to them. Those schools will also have a further consultation period once interim decisions are announced, before final decisions are made. ♻️



# Community fun draws the crowds

Over 40 events and about 11,000 people have made Summer of Fun 2012/2013 a great success. An average of about 150 people have been turning up to each event, with the last of the series of Fun Days to take place this month.

Activities at the gatherings have included music, bouncy castles, face-painting, craft activities, sausage sizzles and a variety of games organised by the YMCA. As communities were encouraged to tailor events to suit themselves, street parties, Twilight Sounds music, markets, have-a-go water sports days and community picnics have also been in the mix.

The Summer of Fun was funded through the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust (CEAT). CERA Chief Executive Roger Sutton says the real heroes of the events were the people.

"Hundreds of volunteers gave up their time to man bouncy castles, paint faces, bake cakes, barbecue sausages and get soaked by the dunking machine, while communities came together to listen to music, haul on a tug-of-war rope and enjoy the summer with their neighbours. These are the people who made this happen for greater Christchurch."

CEAT has also helped to fund an events trailer, which communities and individuals will be able to hire at minimal cost. The idea is that neighbourhoods will be able to use the trailer to host events that build community at a local level. Work is also underway in partnership with the Christchurch City Council to develop a 'how to' guide to running neighbourhood and community events. ♻️



For more on the Summer of Fun, go to the [Choice Christchurch Facebook page](#).



It has been a privilege and a pleasure for YMCA to be able to get out on the street and help bring some fun and adventure for many who are still dealing with the continuing impacts of the earthquakes. YMCA staff provided mobile community-based programmes involving archery, kayaking and the amazing race team challenge.

Jenny Jordan – Project Leader and Co-ordinator for the YMCA



Mothers and grandmothers who attended an event at Wainoni told me that so many things were shutting down in their area because of people moving from the red zone that seeing such life in the community was really important to them. In St Albans, a number of the families who came were new to the area or city so the Fun Day was a chance to find out what was happening in their area.

Jill Hawkey – Strategic Planning Coordinator, Methodist Church



The summer Fun Days have been really encouraging to see. Such a diverse and wide age range of people have been enjoying the days; ultimately that's what builds resilience in a neighbourhood – local events building local connections.

Jolyon White – Social Justice Enabler, Anglican Care

## Gondola official opening marks another step forward for tourism in greater Christchurch

Prime Minister John Key was recently on hand to officially reopen the Gondola on the Port Hills after earthquake remediation work had kept it closed for two years.

When a sprinkler head burst in the February 2011 earthquake, 60,000 litres of water flooded the entire top station. Since then, the Gondola has undergone \$2 million worth of repairs and renovations to modernise the facilities and ensure the hillside is safe from rockfall.

John Key described the opening as an exciting milestone for greater Christchurch and commented on the courage and determination that's going into the recovery.

"It's a really important attraction for Christchurch... A great place to hold your breath and soak in the atmosphere. It's a fabulous addition to tourism in the area." ♻️



Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism John Key and Welcome Aboard, Christchurch Gondola Managing Director Michael Esposito at the reopened Christchurch Gondola summit building. A plaque was unveiled to mark the opening and commemorate the 185 lives lost in the February earthquake.

The Prime Minister also officially opened the new \$237 million terminal building at Christchurch Airport last month.

The new terminal building replaces the old domestic terminal which opened in 1960, as well as the international check-in and related baggage handling infrastructure. Christchurch Airport Chief Executive Jim Boulton reports that the construction work, which began in 2009, came in on budget.

"Most remarkably... in spite of the 11,000 earthquakes during construction, snow storms, volcanic ash clouds and other unforeseen events, we completed this project on the budget set in 2009." ♻️

## Christchurch tourism progress update

### Hotels planning to reopen in Christchurch in 2013 (after earthquake repairs or rebuilding)

May	The Rendezvous Hotel (171 rooms)
June	Quest Christchurch Serviced Apartments (77 rooms)
July	Chateau on the Park (80 rooms)
August	Novotel in the Square (144 rooms)
September	Latimer Hotel (125 rooms)

### Other developments in the pipeline for 2013

July	Cardboard Cathedral opens
September	New Carlton Hotel opens (bar and restaurant only)
October	Market Square at Arts Centre reopens
November	The Tannery opens in Woolston with 70 boutique retail and hospitality outlets

Dates are indicative only. Data provided by Christchurch & Canterbury Tourism, [www.christchurchnz.com](http://www.christchurchnz.com)

# Record consent applications for homes in Christchurch

Christchurch City Council is receiving record numbers of consent applications for new homes. A comparison of consent applications over an 11-week period this year, compared with the same period in 2010 and 2007, shows a jump to record numbers.

The Council and the building industry will need to work together to face the challenge of record activity, says Building Operations Manager Ethan Stetson. "It is going to take a real effort from us and from our customers to respond to an environment where we have record numbers but if we work together we can all keep the rebuild moving.

"We've recently introduced a checking procedure that will speed up the consents process, where minimum criteria need to be met before an application can be entered into the processing system. It will also make a difference if applicants make the extra effort to make sure that complete and accurate applications are submitted."

For more information, visit [www.ccc.govt.nz/goahead](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/goahead)

The Council's figures show that over the 11-week period from mid January 2013 to the end of March this year, 324 consent applications were received for new homes. This compares with 200 for the same period in 2010 and with 243 applications received in 2007, which was considered a busy year for consent activity.



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Selwyn's fantastic scenery and great lifestyle is attracting many new residents.

## Selwyn District shows strongest economic growth in 2012

Selwyn experienced the strongest economic growth of any district in New Zealand last year, according to regional economic rankings recently released by Business and Economic Research Limited (BERL).

Employment growth in Selwyn District was the strongest in New Zealand in 2012, at 9.5 per cent compared with 1 per cent nationally. The district has also experienced the strongest population growth in the country over the past five years.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says the news confirms that Selwyn is the place to be right now. "Our district is a very exciting place to be. We have land available to accommodate over 12,000 new sections, with many of these sections zoned now. Our planning and building consent teams are busier than ever, there's lots of construction activity happening to develop both residential and commercial buildings, and many businesses are also setting up here."

He says Selwyn has always been a desirable place for people to live. "We can offer spectacular scenery, a great lifestyle, affordable properties and lots of space for growing families, all within an easy commute of Christchurch."

Following the Canterbury earthquakes, Selwyn welcomed many new residents to the district, and the Council and community have been working to help people settle in.

The Council is investing in community facilities to support the growing population. These include a new indoor aquatic centre located in Rolleston, a new library in Lincoln and new reserves.

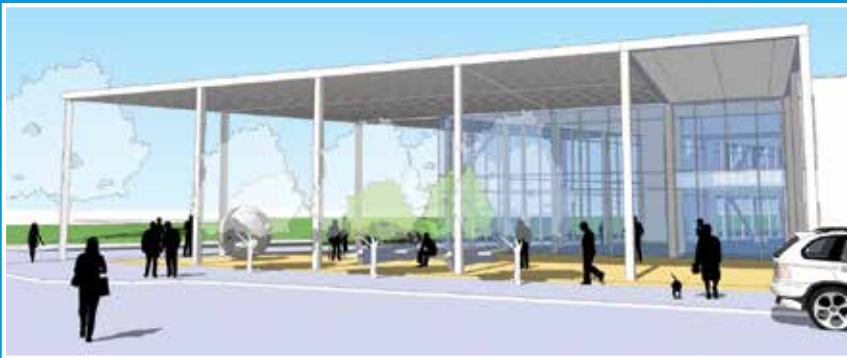
Selwyn District is also home to Izone – New Zealand's largest industrial park. Located in Rolleston, Izone offers serviced, business-zoned land that's close to Christchurch and key transport links.



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# Moving On

## KAIAPOI LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE & MUSEUM



The new Kaiapoi Library, Service Centre and Museum is a significant milestone in the Waimakariri District earthquake recovery.

It will be built on the site of the former Kaiapoi Service Centre and museum and will be home to a new library, museum, Kaiapoi Service Centre, art space and community meeting rooms.

The tender of the project is due to

be completed by September 2013 with the build to be completed by October 2014.

The facility will be a blend of innovation and tradition and will meet 130% of the National Building Standards (NBS) for seismic design.

Full details are available on the New Foundations website at [newfoundations.org.nz](http://newfoundations.org.nz). Keep an eye out for more updates.



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