

**Christchurch City Council**  
**ATTACHMENTS UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

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53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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## Mayor's Report to Council – October 2016—January 2017

### Mayor's Introduction

The purpose of the Mayor's report is to ensure there is visibility of the Civic and International Relations role the councillors and I play, the external organisations we belong to and the community events and activities we are engaged in.

This particular report brings us up-to-date since last year's election. Straight after the election, I travelled to Hawaii, where I presented a keynote address to the Structural Engineers Association of California Conference. The presentation was entitled "Confronting Complexity and Building Resilience", and was a good opportunity to explain some of the advances that had been made in the wake of the earthquakes, as well as address issues like community leadership as the cornerstone to building resilience. Costs were met by the Conference organisers.

When I returned, I attended all but one of the inaugural meetings of the new Community Boards (and my thanks to Cr Raf Manji for attending the inaugural meeting of the Banks Peninsula Board on my behalf). This was a great opportunity to welcome and to thank new Board members for putting up their hands to serve their communities. This term we look forward to working with our Boards towards moving decision-making closer to communities.

Just before Christmas, I was thrilled to open the Christchurch Adventure Park. The development of the Park was an exceptional public private partnership; and a great example of the benefits of finding innovative ways of working together to deliver projects for the city. The Park is a tremendous asset for the city and it has already proved to be a wonderful attraction for visitors.—50,000 visitors in 8 weeks. Like everybody, I was saddened by the damage caused to the Park by the Port Hills fire, but with the same grit and determination that saw the park built in record time, they are equally determined to get back on their feet. I have no doubt they will succeed.

In hosting the first SingularityU Summit in Australasia, Christchurch is showing itself ready and willing to take advantage of the development of exponential technologies and how they can be used to address some of humanity's biggest challenges. The Summit brought together educators, corporates, non-profits, entrepreneurs, young people and government from 16 countries. We intend to leverage of the success of the Summit over this term and lead the way when it comes to new technologies.

Starting 2017 with a welcome to the TEDx Scott Base speakers on their way to the ice, as part of the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of NZ's role in Antarctica, helped reinforce the importance of Christchurch as an exemplar gateway city.

And the welcoming of HMI Technologies to Christchurch International Airport to conduct New Zealand's first trial of the autonomous electric vehicle has put Christchurch on the map as willing to trial disruptive technologies.

### External Meetings

#### Canterbury Mayoral Forum—27 January 2017

Note that the first meeting was held later than planned due to the impact of the Hurunui/Kaikoura Earthquake. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum is made up of the mayors of the 10 territorial authorities in Canterbury and the chair of the regional council (Environment Canterbury). The Forum provides a vehicle for a stronger voice for Canterbury and to lead regional economic and social development.

I was honoured to be elected as Chair of the Forum at the first meeting of this triennium. Priorities for the Forum for this term include the implementation of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy; and the alignment of the regional strategy with the Christchurch Economic Development Strategy.

#### Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Implementation Committee (UDSIC) - 9 December 2016

UDSIC is a joint committee of the Council, Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils, Environment Canterbury, and Ngai Tahu. The other CCC representatives are Cr Phil Clearwater and Cr Sara Templeton. At the first meeting of the committee for this term, we considered the recommendations from the previous term. This included confirming that regeneration is a key principle of the updated UDS ; and that the UDSIC consider a strategic approach to the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act.

#### Greater Christchurch Public Transport Committee—23 November, and 21 December 2016

Together with Councillors Cotter and Clearwater, I attended two meetings of this committee prior to Christmas. Established by the Christchurch City, Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils and Environment Canterbury, the committee is working towards a more effective partnership for the planning and delivery of public transport in greater Christchurch.

#### Canterbury Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Joint Committee - 9 December 2016

This Group is a partnership of all Canterbury Councils, that together with partner agencies, work together to coordinate risks and hazards in our region.

I was pleased to have been elected Chair of the CDEM for this term. The Hurunui/Kaikoura earthquakes, and their impact on some of the smaller Councils in our region, have highlighted not only the importance of this committee but also, because of our own earthquake experience, the advice and assistance our city can offer.

## Civic and Community Events

### Other Events and Speeches included:

- Oct 17—welcome to delegation from Hubei
- Oct 18—Reception for Korean & Italian Antarctic Programmes
- Oct 19—International Conference on Urban Disaster—*Sustainable Disaster Recovery: Addressing Risks & Uncertainty*
- Oct 28—Welcome speakers for TEDx Christchurch 2017
- Oct 29—TEDx Christchurch 2017
- Oct 29—fundraising for Canterbury Medical Research Foundation
- Oct 31—Emirates Airlines A380 inaugural flight welcome
- Nov 1—Launch of new branding for Alzheimers Canterbury
- Nov 3—Launch of HRC Residential Red Zone report
- Nov 4—21st Birthday Delta Community Support
- Nov 5—Horarata Highland Games
- Nov 7—Yunnan Delegation & MBIE reception
- Nov 8—Attended preview of National Geographic series—Continent 7: Antarctica
- Nov 10—official opening of Awly Building by PM
- Nov 11—Armistice Day commemorations
- Nov 11—Canterbury A&P Show
- Nov 12—Riccarton Cup Day
- Nov 17—Secondary State Girls' School Principals conference
- Nov 18—University of Canterbury VC Dinner
- Nov 19—Akaroa Civic Trust AGM
- Nov 21—NZ Initiative launch of The Local Manifesto—Restoring Local Accountability - Wellington
- Nov 22—Greater Christchurch UDSIC Partners' networking session
- Nov 22—attend launch of A Constitution for Aotearoa New Zealand
- Nov 23—Women in Leadership Alumni symposium—keynote
- Nov 24—Opening Alpha Educational Institute
- Nov 25—Present Civic Awards
- Nov 27—Attend Diamonds & Stars fundraiser for Starship Hospital
- Nov 28—Open World Bowls Championship
- Nov 29—Canterbury Apprentice and Industry Training Graduation ceremony
- Nov 30—Brannigans Mayoral update on progress in Christchurch
- Dec 02—Redcliffs Volunteer Library opening
- Dec 02—Christchurch City Choir (Patron) singing Messiah
- Dec 03—Aranui *Affirm* Festival official opening
- Dec 03—K-Cultural Festival—celebrating Korean National Day
- Dec 04—Present Medals—World Bowls Championship
- Dec 04—Speak to St Patricks School Leavers
- Dec 07—present Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards (Patron) at Ferndale School
- Dec 09—Opening of the Christchurch I-Site
- Dec 09—Inauguration of Waterloo Business Park's *Pocket Park*
- Dec 09—Final celebration for Aranui Primary School
- Dec 13—China Southern Airlines 1-year celebration
- Dec 14—Official welcome for the Korean icebreaker *Araon*
- Dec 14—Christchurch Youth Hui
- Dec 15—Final blessing for Aranui High School
- Dec 18—HMNZS Pegasus Memorial Service
- Dec 21—Gloucester St Heritage Bridge restoration completed
- Dec 21—Farewell to Retiring City Missioner
- Dec 23—Jan 08 Christmas and New Year break
- Jan 09—TEDX Scott Base supporters welcome
- Jan 11-12—visit to Kaikoura—meetings with Mayor, business leaders and community
- Jan 14—Duvauchelle A & P Show - 14 January 2017
- Jan 16—Chinese New Year Gala Concert hosted by the Chinese Consulate
- Jan 17—QEII Recreation & Sports Centre Sod-turning
- Jan 17—Thank-you to the Multicultural Working Party members
- Jan 19—Opening of the Buskers' Festival
- Jan 20—Reception to celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scott Base Antarctica
- Jan 21—Investiture of Mr Charles Shadbolt ONZM on behalf of the Queen
- Jan 23—Re-opening of the Sign of the Kiwi
- Jan 24—Opening of Eco-Villa
- Jan 26—Autonomous Electric Vehicle Trial at Christchurch International Airport
- Jan 27—Attended Flight Commander Bill Cranfield's Funeral
- Jan 29—Chinese New Year Banquet

