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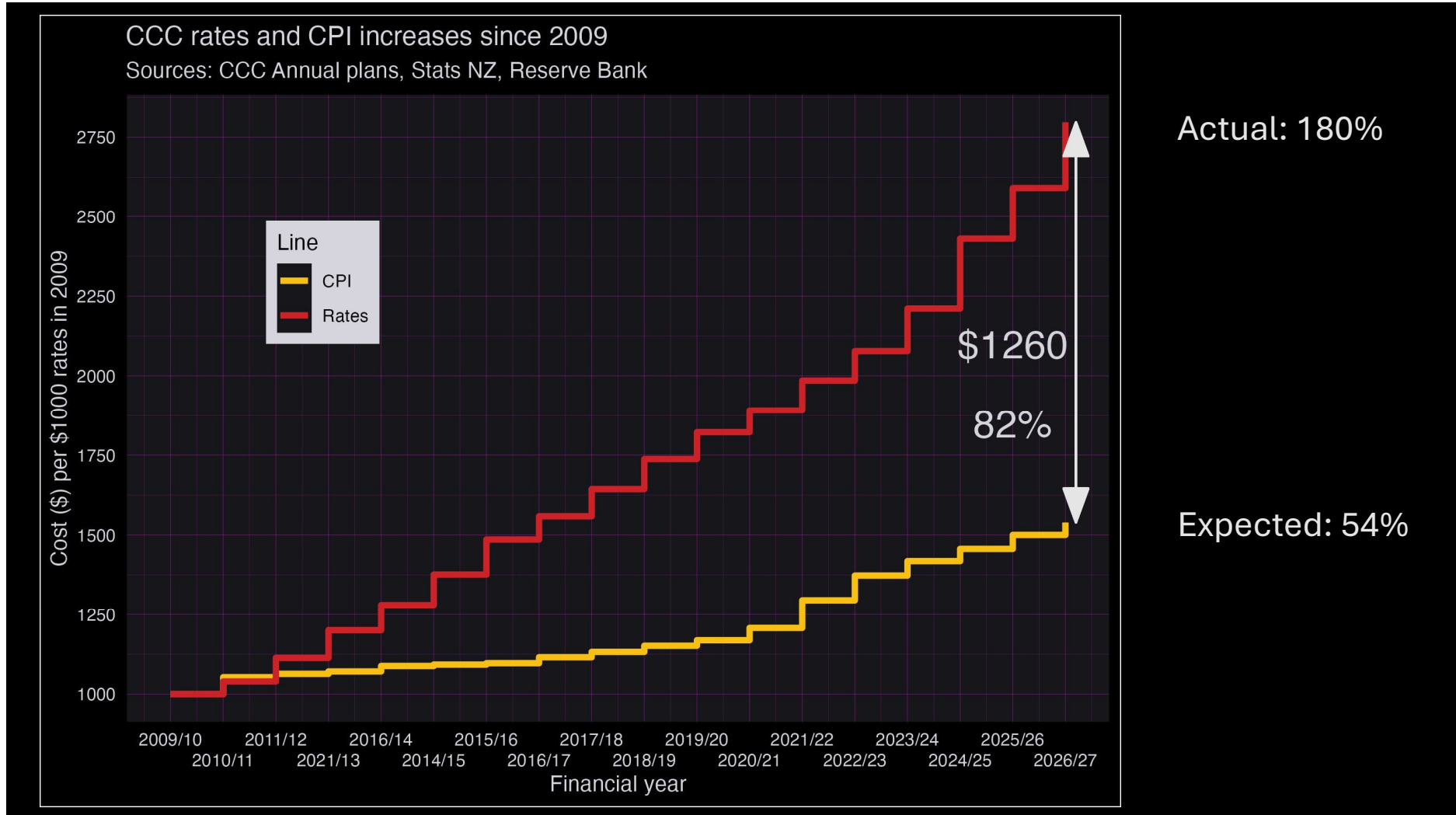
**Date:** Tuesday 31 March 2026  
**Time:** 10 am  
**Venue:** Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,  
 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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Oral Submissions

Nathan Ngatai

31 March 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa, and thank you for the opportunity to speak.

My written submission is taken as read, so I want to use these few minutes to focus on just three key points about why continued Council support for the ChristChurch Cathedral is essential.

**1. The question of demolition has been asked and answered.**

The future of the Cathedral is *not* an open question. Parliament has already determined its national significance through the Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Act 2017, which requires reinstatement and prevents full demolition. That decision was made because the Cathedral is recognised—not only locally, but nationally—as a heritage, cultural, civic, and spiritual landmark.

So we are not deciding *whether* to reinstate the Cathedral.

We are deciding whether Christchurch will honour the responsibility it shares with the Crown, the Church, and the wider community to finish the job.

**2. The Cathedral does not exist for itself.**

ChristChurch Cathedral is first and foremost the House of God — a place of prayer, worship, and sanctuary — and it has always been open to all people, of all faiths and none. It is where our city gathers in times of celebration, remembrance, and grief.

A helpful parallel is the recent installation of Dame Sarah Mullally as Archbishop of Canterbury in the UK. That service gathered civic leaders, interfaith representatives, and the wider community. It illustrated something true for our own Cathedral: *Cathedrals play a role at the intersection of civic life, spirituality, culture, and national identity.*

Here in Christchurch, we have seen this again and again:

- ANZAC Day and Commonwealth services.
- Services of mourning and thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.
- Civic gatherings following national tragedies.
- Interfaith events and public commemorations.

At the Transitional Cathedral, we do what we can—but we are limited in scale, visibility, and capacity. The city’s heart simply cannot beat properly from a temporary space.

ChristChurch Cathedral is where Christchurch gathers, regardless of belief. It is a place for everyone.

**3. The Council’s support is essential to completing the “last piece of the puzzle.”**

Business leaders, heritage experts, and the public have all said the same thing: Cathedral Square cannot be fully revitalised until the Cathedral returns.

The Cathedral is the anchor that binds the Square together.

Without it, the centre of our city feels incomplete—and investment, tourism, and civic activity remain constrained.

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31 March 2026

The reinstatement project is now back on track with a realistic, staged plan. Many people—public donors, parishioners, the Church itself—have already made significant sacrifices. The Council's contribution is not symbolic; it is a practical piece of a complex partnership that ensures the Cathedral reopens.

If the Council were to withdraw support now, it would jeopardise:

- years of progress,
- tens of millions of dollars already committed,
- and the future vibrancy of Cathedral Square.

The Cathedral is not a luxury. It is the foundation stone of our civic identity, and central to our cultural and economic recovery as a city.

#### **Closing**

To conclude:

1. The demolition question is settled.
2. The Cathedral exists for the whole city, not just the Church.
3. And Cathedral Square cannot be completed without it.

I urge the Council to maintain its support so that this project—this symbol of resilience, identity, and hope—can finally be completed for the benefit of all who call Christchurch home.

Ngā mihi nui. I'm happy to take any questions.

Presentation – Transient Vehicles Long Stay Parking – David A. Hilton-Bright

Slide 01 – Homeless

**Homeless** - not just person sitting on footpath with old dog and cardboard sign.

They are a wide range of people including:

- Partially employed – part time, casual, contract, minimum wages.
- Beneficiaries – can't afford rents, allocated anti social housing.
- Pensioners – can't afford rents, family rifts or no family for support.
- Solo parent – cannot find rental, domestic violence, divorced.
- Child support divorcee – not enough income left to afford rent.

*Let's call these folks "displaced" rather than homeless.*

Slide 02 -Vehicles

**Transient Vehicles** – living in an assortment of vehicles – vans, buses, trucks etc.

Need somewhere for long stays close to town for access to services and work,

- Motor camps full and expensive on minimal income.
- D.O.C. camps have maximum stay of 7 days in any month.
- NZMCA camps maximum of 3 days stay in any month.
- Car parks – maximum stay of 2 days and risk of vandalism – considered a social pariah.

03 Squatters mess

**Squatters mess** as seen in Wetlands Grove in the Bexley Redzoned Area.

This is the sort of accommodation we don't want. What can we do about it?

- Allocate an area for long stay (maximum 28 days per month) with conditions.
- Allocate to a philanthropic group for management to remove Council's liability.
- Council to assist with rubbish collections and portaloos.
- A marked entrance (e.g. post and wire fence without gate).
- Management group (and residents) sign waiver to remove legal liability.
- A peppercorn rent/donation is paid towards the Cathedral Reconstruction fund after costs of rubbish collection and portaloos is paid

04 Pilot Programme

### **Pilot Program**

How the philanthropic group manage the area:

- Custodians – 2 residents to explain rules and collect "donations" and explain conditions to residents. Allows one custodian to be away and the other to be there at any time. Custodians are positions at the first places either side of entrance to check entrants. Any sign of trouble their vehicle can be moved to block gate to prevent escape and police can be called.
- Residents – maximum 28 days stay per month (makes vehicles roadworthy and clears site of any acquired materials). They must leave the site clear.
  - Vehicles must be certified Self Contained, WOF/COF, registered and roadworthy.
  - No anti-social behaviour (noise, drunkenness, harrassment etc.)
  - No fixed structures or tents.
  - No rubbish and no dumping of waste water in portaloos.
- Sites are marked out to fit 11 metre bus size and car with trailer parked beside.

Submissions - Drucilla King, Patterson

11am 31/3/2026 Christchurch city Council  
annual plans.

A

*Drucilla King*

Ancient Maori Caves in Redcliffs need to improve the entrances at two ancient Maori caves in the Village.

Plus Historic Sign telling visitors about the Caves History

The two caves are Te Ana o Hineraiki Moa point Cave near redcliff School and near Barnett Park

B (No Sale to Land)

156 Mc Comack Bay Road the area where lies a burial site for early Waitaha Settlers (sale of red-zoned land)

Any sale of land should stop  
Area need to be properly fenced off and signage need to be installed plus detail records kept on legal and City council documents and maps plus the Redcliff caves.

c Lyttelton Museum.

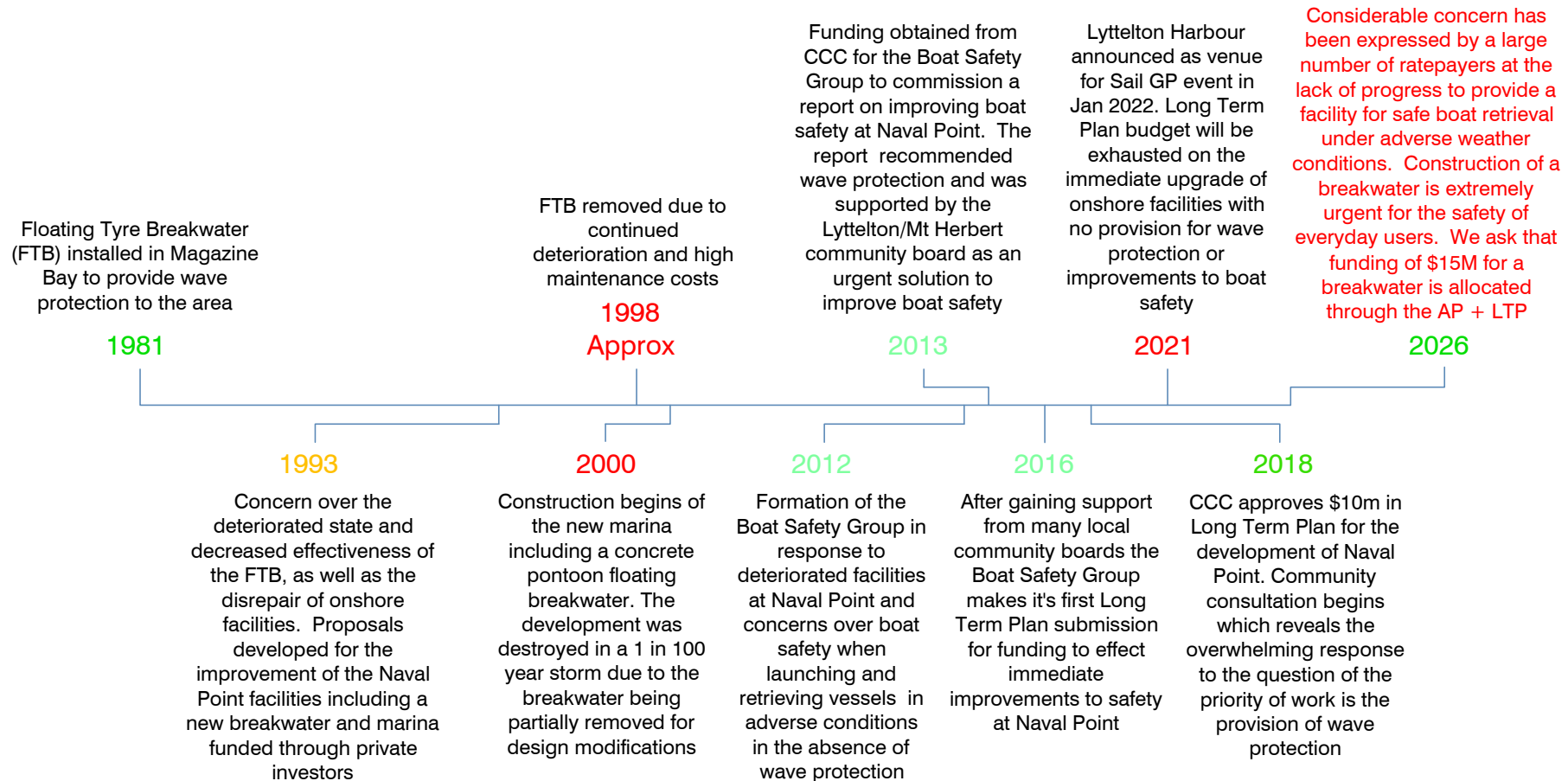
My Grand parents from Ireland & Scotland were married there 1930

This museum project is important for the well being of the Lyttelton & wider Community plus promote the tourist market as we may not get the Sail - America Cup Back And promote the link between Lyttelton and Antarctic through History Displays.

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## Timeline of Wave Protection at Naval Point, Lyttelton Harbour



The screenshot shows the website for Boat Safety at Naval Point, Lyttelton. The navigation menu includes Home, History, Other Locations, Plans, and Contact. The main heading is "Overview of our cause" with a sub-heading: "To have the current substandard facilities at Naval Point upgraded to ensure the safety of all users and their boats." Below this are three content cards:

- History:** Find out about our cause since it all started in 1993 and see what has been achieved to date. [Find out more >]
- Other Locations:** We detail a comparison of two other locations to highlight the lack of facilities for Christchurch ratepayers. [Find out more >]
- Our Plans:** See what our plans are for improving the facilities at Naval Point to ensure recreational boaters can be safe. [Find out more >]

[www.boatsafetyatnavalpoint.org.nz](http://www.boatsafetyatnavalpoint.org.nz)

The purpose of this project is to establish a safe environment for people from the greater Christchurch area taking part in aquatic activities on Lyttelton Harbour, this must include safe access to and from the water in all weather and sea conditions.

A phone survey of 5025 persons was conducted to establish the extent of public support for this project, all participants gave their support. The percentage of participants residing in each ward is as follows:

Akaroa-Wairewa 4%, Burwood-Pegasus 7%, Fendalton-Waimairi 8%, Hagley-Ferrymead 18%, Lyttelton-Mt Herbert 23%, Riccarton-Wigram 9%, Shirley-Papanui 5%, Spreydon-Heathcote 12%, Outside of Christchurch 14%

A workshop conducted by Eric Banks of the Christchurch City Council was initiated on 28 April 2017 and runs through to 30 May 2017. Present at this workshop was a delegation representing the boating community of Canterbury, being Colin Lock (Vice Commodore of the Naval Point Yacht Club), Willie Newman (Canterbury Yacht Squadron representing 150 trailer yachts from Canterbury) and Ross May (Naval Point Club Lyttelton Membership Services Manager representing the Canterbury Yachting Association). All of the above delegates, along with the Boat Safety Group, and with support from the Banks Peninsula Community Board, wish to see this project implemented with urgency. If any further comments to the proposed scheme are brought forward at the close of the workshop we will look to implement them in our design.

The Naval Point public boat ramp is extremely well used, with 393 launchings over Waitangi weekend 2017.

We wish to install the floating jetty this year as a permanent fixture, but if necessary it can be placed as a temporary facility which can be relocated to accommodate any possible future relocation of the boat ramp which may be considered as part of the Magazine Bay development plan.

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**Launchings at Naval Point April 2016- April 2017**

Date week ending	Launchings at NPCL	Launching at Public Slip	Weather varied over a week. So the typical conditions over the time are recorded
Total	578*	2054*	

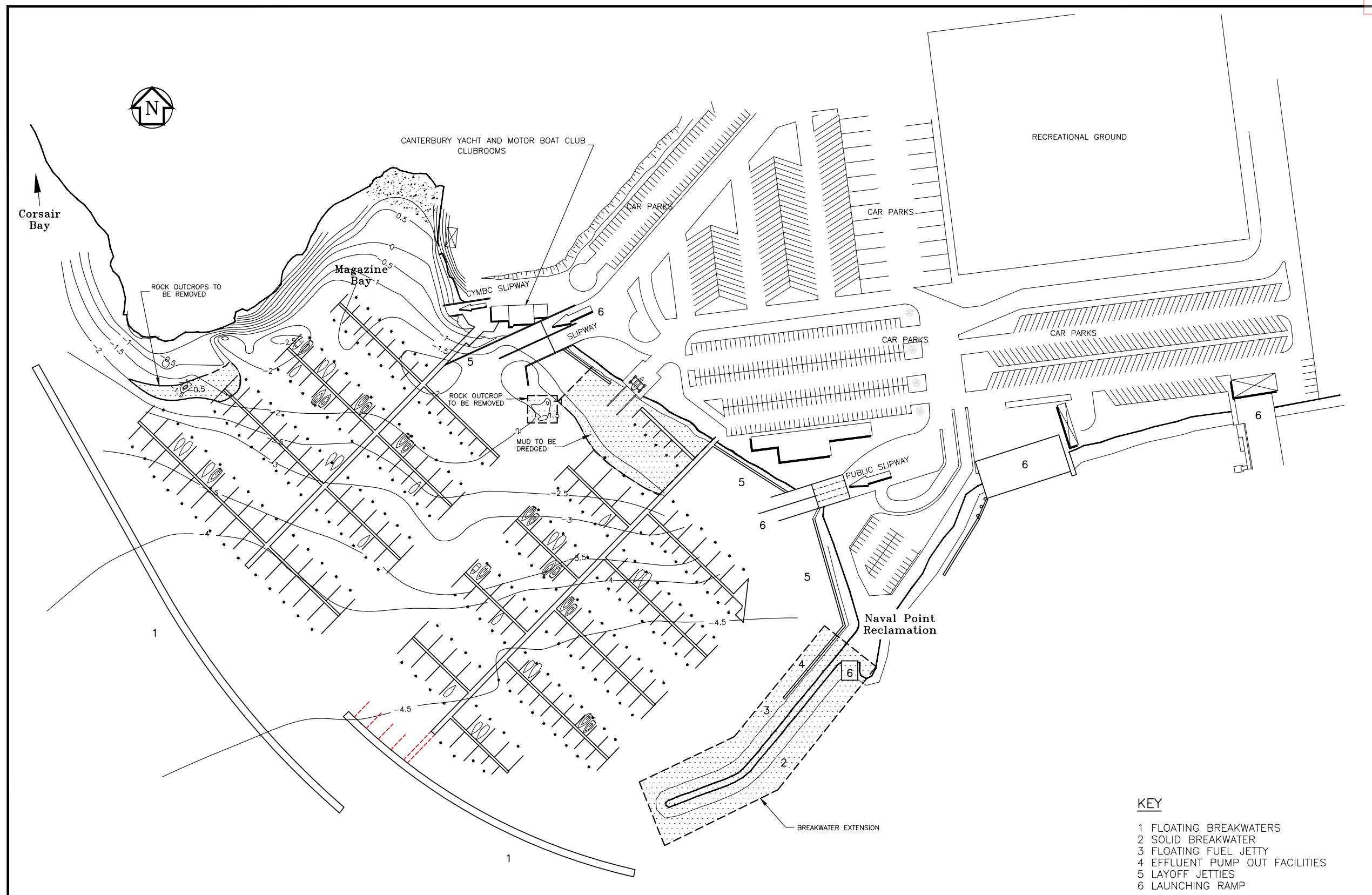
**Number of vessels launched April 2016-April 2017**



The number of registered trailer boats in Canterbury is 15,843 (Beca study 2011)

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- KEY**
- 1 FLOATING BREAKWATERS
  - 2 SOLID BREAKWATER
  - 3 FLOATING FUEL JETTY
  - 4 EFFLUENT PUMP OUT FACILITIES
  - 5 LAYOFF JETTIES
  - 6 LAUNCHING RAMP

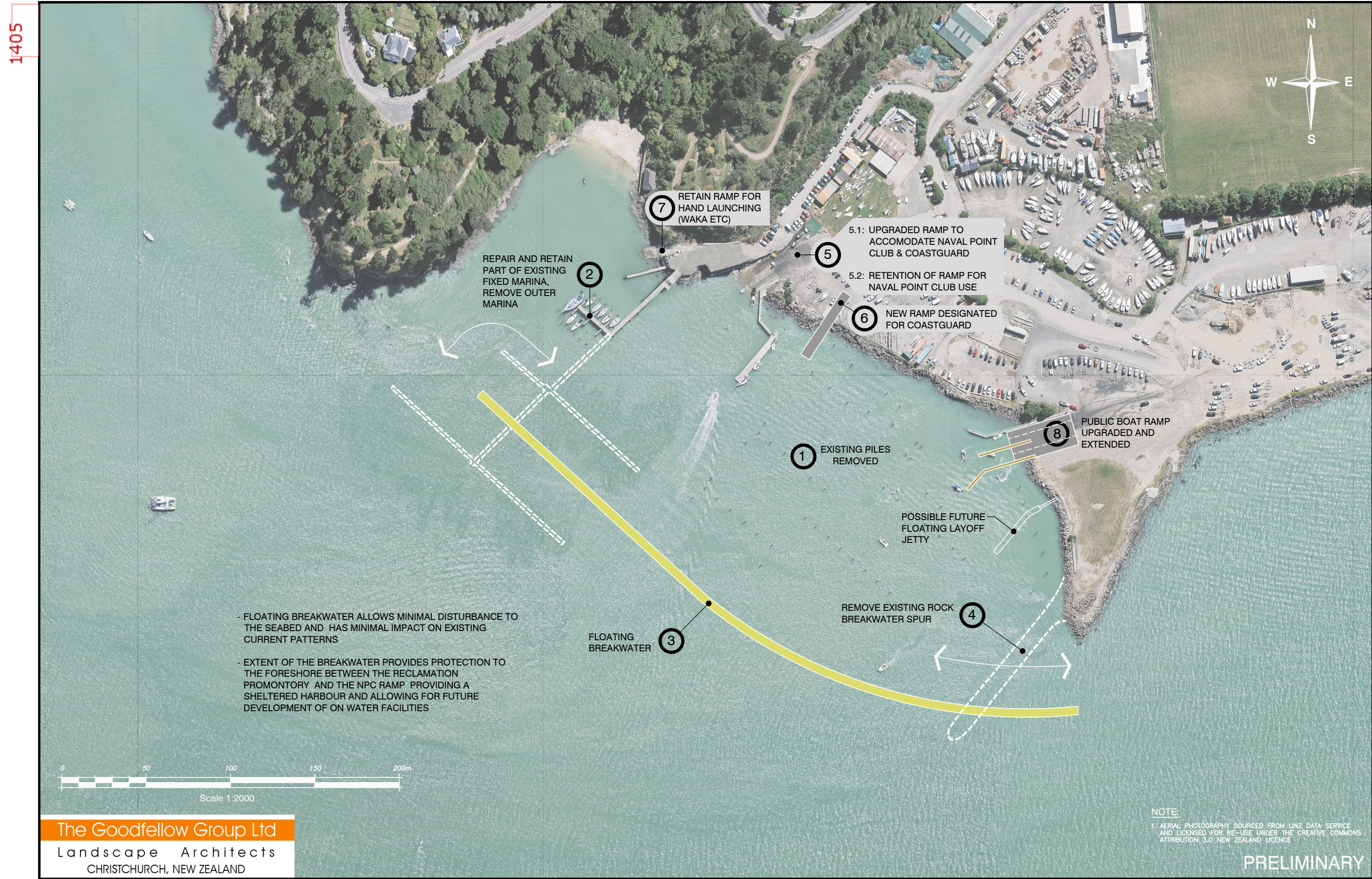
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Plan presented to Community Board 30 March 2010 - Jocelyn Mahoney = designer



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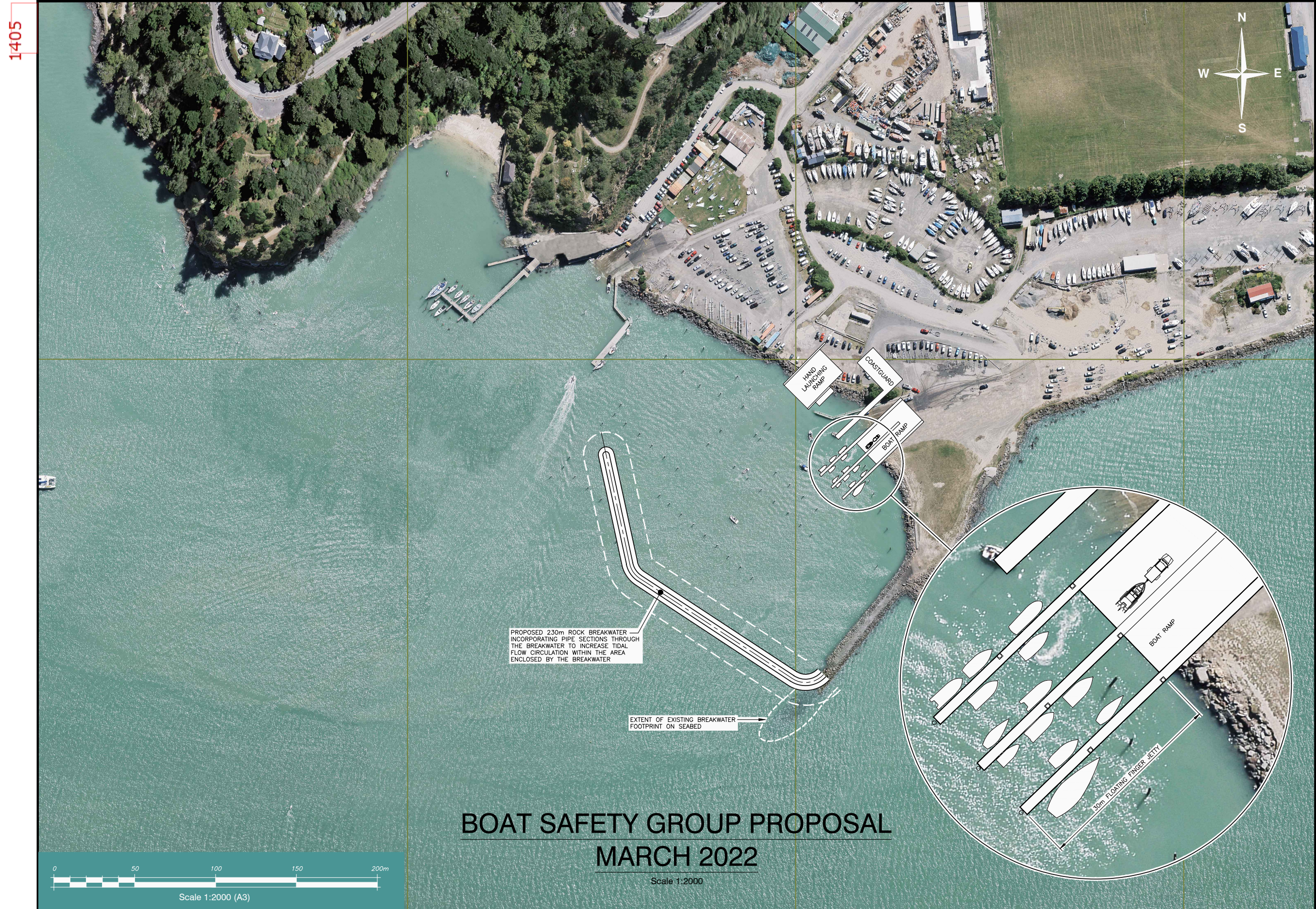
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OPTION 3 – SHELTERED HARBOUR

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Christchurch City Council  
Annual Plan 2025-26

Presentation by  
FRIENDS of Banks Peninsula  
regarding  
596 WW Akaroa Reclaimed Water Treatment &  
Reuse Scheme  
31 March 2026

Suky Thompson  
Jan Cook



Project	Title	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29-34	Total
596	WW Akaroa	800	2,821	98,158	101,779

- Rates set to rise by 7.96%
- Abatement notices served by ECAN for Bromley plus Lyttelton and Akaroa raw overflows



**Canterbury Regional Council demands answers on repeated harbour sewage failures**

[← View all news](#)

Date: 20 Mar 2026

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# Akaroa WW current situation

- Consent hearings on hold
  - Awaiting further applications for overflow discharges and adding Duvauchelle to the scheme
- Irrigation system highly unpopular in Akaroa
  - Complex, high risk, offensive overflows
  - Gross waste of capital and operational funds
- Capital cost has risen to \$167m going forward.
  - Overrun on current budget line 596 of \$65m
  - Increase of 63%
  - Cost per connection now approx \$192,000

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# Issues with Akaroa WW scheme

- Large footprint, highly disruptive
- Overflows of raw and treated wastewater will occur into shallow recreational bay at Akaroa
- High risks of irrigation field failure on slip prone land
- Cost and effort to operate
- Lack of resilience to climate change
- High volume of storm/ground water incursion not addressed by system design

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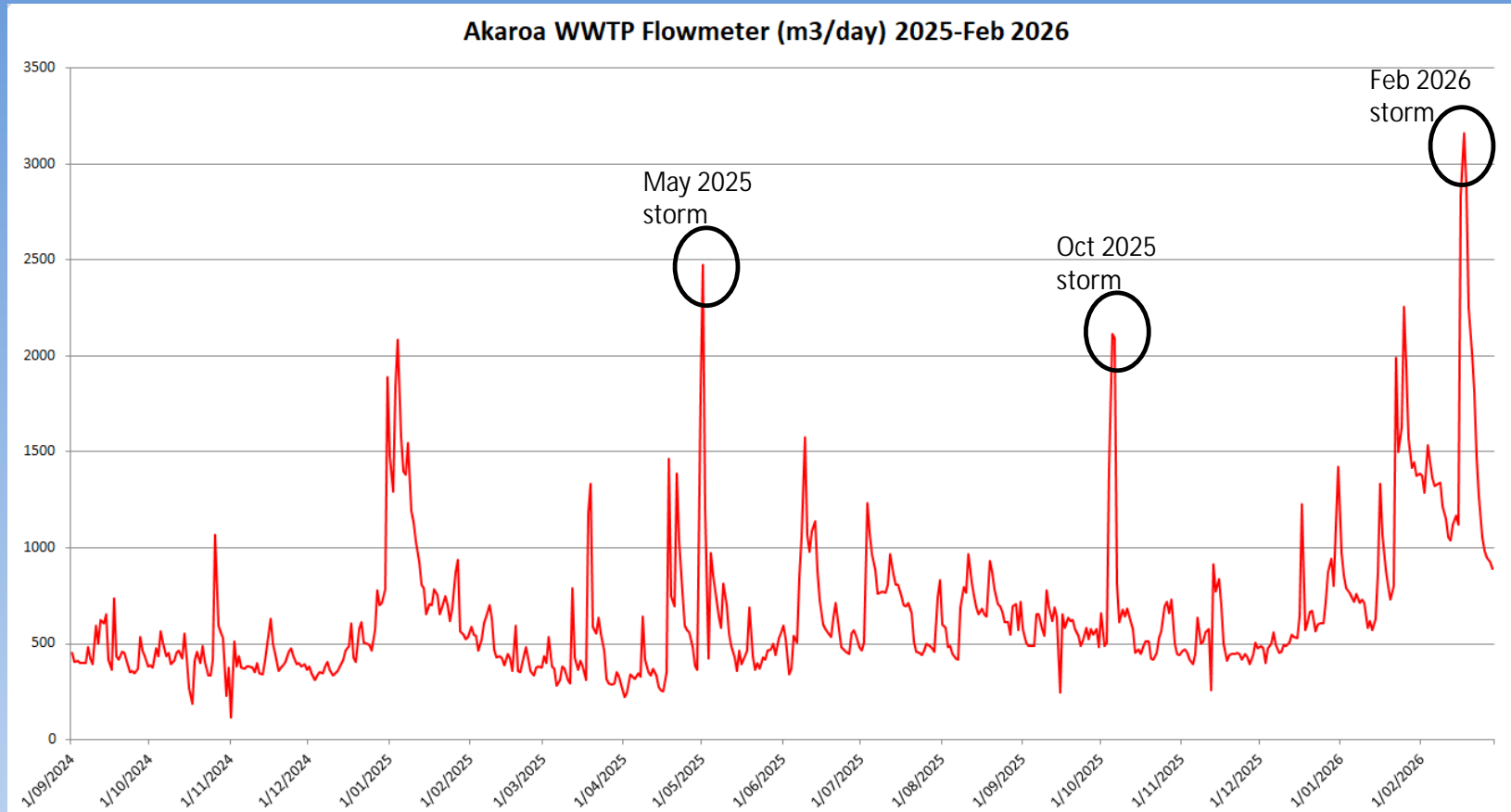
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# I&I root cause of the Akaroa issues

- Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) accounts for over 50% of wastewater
- Main cause of raw overflows in Akaroa
- I&I determines system sizing and expense
  - Treatment plant must cope with high flow variability
  - 10 huge storage tanks, each 9m high/23m diameter, for when it is too wet to irrigate and flows are highest
  - Treated WW overflows occur when tanks are full
- I&I figures given by staff do not present true picture
  - annual averages mask peaks
  - calculated based on poor quality guestimated data
  - problem is with the public pipe network, not just private property

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# Flow data shows I&I spikes continue



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# I&I will get worse with climate change

- Increased intensity storms already occurring
- Record breaking monthly rainfalls in last 3 years
  - July 2022
  - July 2024
  - February 2026
- Robinsons Bay had over 400mm in Dec/Jan/Feb precluding safe irrigation
- Sewage overflows in Akaroa in past year
  - May 2025
  - February 2026
- New system does NOT SOLVE I&I or RAW OVERFLOW issues leaving Akaroa more vulnerable



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# Refocus 596 WW budget

- Abandon costly Akaroa and Duvauchelle irrigation project
  - CCC advised in 2010 not to pursue a fully land-based scheme
  - 15 years of wasted time and money on an unattainable aim
- Repurpose budget 596 to address the real and immediate issue: the Abatement Notice for raw overflows
  - Comprehensive Management Plan required
  - Start by properly measuring, not guestimating, the I&I and discovering where the real issues are
  - Use budget 596 for thorough pipe repair and replacement
- *Then* design a cheaper new treatment and disposal system sized for greatly reduced volume
  - Ensure highest possible treatment
  - Headroom for growth, climate resilience and emergency situations

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CCC Draft Annual Plan 2026-2027 Submission  
Shelley Washington, Trust Manager/Manahautū  
Jenn Chowaniec, Chairperson



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**banks peninsula trust**  
te pātaka o rākaihautū

# How did this Trust begin?

- Established 2010 by Christchurch City Council
- Charitable Trust and Council Controlled Organisation
- Initial funds derived from Banks Peninsula District Council
- Operates within boundaries of former district

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# OUR VISION – TŌ TĀTO TIROHANGA

To create a thriving and enduring ecosystem of trails and regenerating landscapes on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula

## Strategic pou:

### ACCESS WĀHI URU

Creating an enduring network of walking and biking trails to foster deeper connections between people and place and that enable low carbon recreation

### BIODIVERSITY RERENGA RAUROPI

Supporting the protection and regeneration of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū by encouraging native biodiversity on a landscape scale

### KNOWLEDGE MĀTAURANGA

Creating stewards of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū through knowledge of flora and fauna, geology and history

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- Operational and capital grants via Long Term Plan - financial stability enables us to develop multi-year projects, attract private donations and other grants
- We:
  - are independent, bold, agile
  - have capable governance
  - are value-for-money, low overheads, 1.25 staff
  - help deliver council strategies and plans

# We support

- Continued increasing provision to **Climate Resilience Fund**
- Increased funding for **Environmental Partnerships Fund**
- Proposed funding of **contestable community grants**
- Maintaining **Biodiversity Fund** at current level
- **Pest Free Banks Peninsula**
- **Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust**



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# Achievements

- Purchased land to secure access and biodiversity
  - Rod Donald Hut
  - Te Ara Pātaka  
*private land access*
  - Te Ahu Pātiki - *Buy The Hill*
  - Purple Peak Curry Reserve
  - Saddle Hill
  - Panama Reserve
- Catalyst for initiatives with seed funding
  - Goat eradication
  - Feral pigs



# Te Kata track – opening soon...



- Thanks for being controlling authority
- Scenic 11km walking track
- Showcases stewardship
- Connects Little River to Te Ara Pātaka, Rod Donald Hut, Diamond Harbour



## Climate resilience

- 17 February 2026 storm impacts highlight the need and the value
- Communities assisting each other, groups working together, councils supporting recovery
- We are providing low carbon recreation, restoring wetlands, supporting regeneration
- Partnership with Kura Tāwhiti Canterbury Community Foundation - Storm Damage Repair Fund for the recovery of popular walking and cycling tracks managed by community groups



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# Current and upcoming events and campaigns



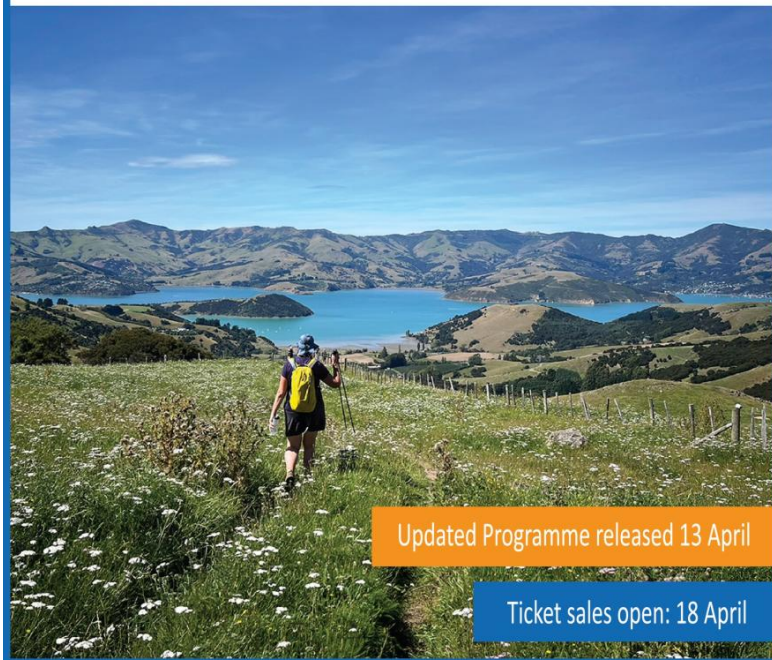
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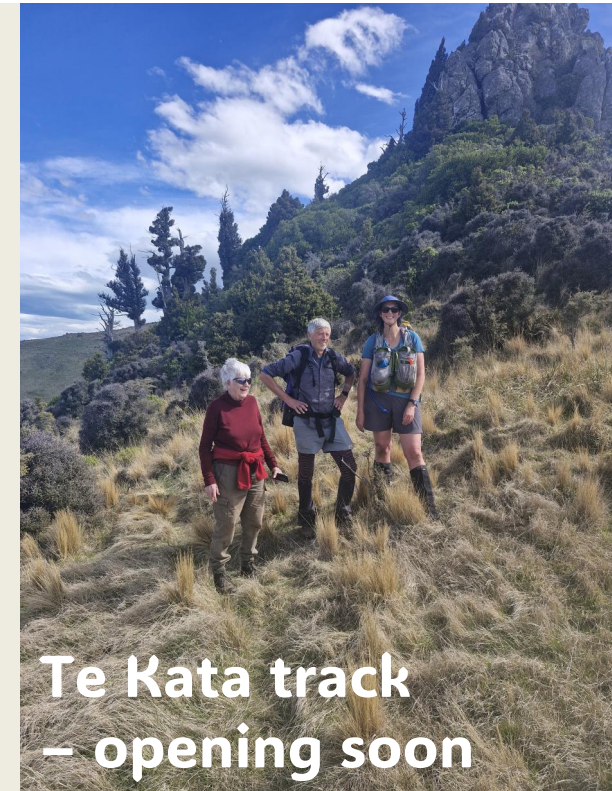
*Banks Peninsula*  
**WALKING FESTIVAL**  
2 – 17 MAY 2026

\*Includes mid-week walks



Updated Programme released 13 April

Ticket sales open: 18 April



Bring back our tracks!

DONATE TODAY

Kura Tāwhiti Foundation

Rod Donald banks peninsula trust  
te hāhaka o tōkarehanga

# Current projects

- research project - UoC
- new walking tracks
- shelter Mt Sinclair
- saltmarsh wetland restoration
- electric bike charging
- bunkhouse
- Rod Donald Challenge – Get up to 20
- Track to Akaroa?



RESEARCH GRANT  
APPLICATION 2025



# BANKS PENINSULA WALKS



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## Head to Head Walkway

## Head to Head Walkway

An aspirational project to create a walkway around Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour.



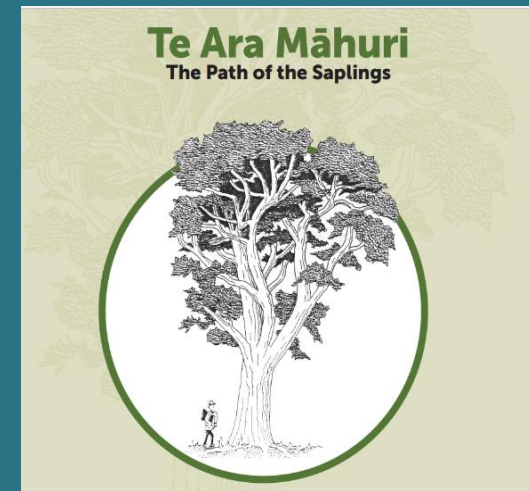
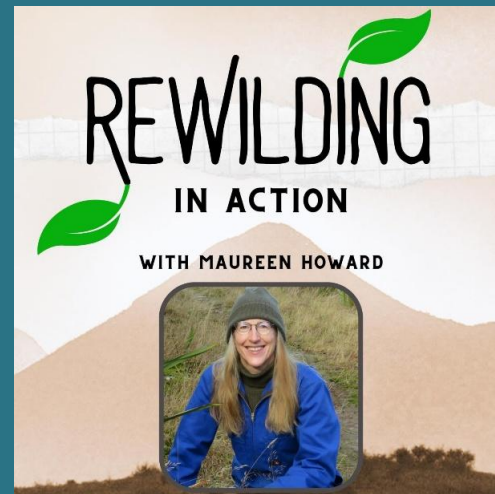
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# ŌPĀWAHO HEATHCOTE RIVER NETWORK



Chrissie Williams - Chair , Malcolm Long - Secretary  
Thursday 2 April 2026

## Who is the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network

The Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network (ŌHRN) is a community-based catchment group.

**The ŌHRN is a community voice for the river.**

We advocate for and promote the regeneration of the health and mauri of the river.

## Port Hills sediment reduction

- Sediment remains one of the biggest issues for the river
- Community is keen to contribute to the Port Hills Plan and see it finalised
- CCC needs to communicate about the status, intent and proposed timelines for this work



## Weed surveillance

- Intrusion of new weeds is increasing
- A methodical approach by the CCC to identify and control
- We advocate for a more open role for the community in weed surveillance and reporting



## The Climate Resilience Fund

- We support the continuation of funding the Climate Resilience Fund
- 30 year reserve period - but start action and community engagement asap
- ŌHRN published report on Climate Change effects on the river and catchment



## Grants Funding

- Retain community grants funding
- Each dollar multiplied many times by volunteer effort
- We support increasing Environmental Partnerships Fund
  - One of few funds that support work on public land.



## Thanks to staff and elected members

- Council staff are approachable, willing, and demonstrate commitment to the river and the city
- Councillors and Community Board members most supportive of community action and input



# ŌPĀWAHO HEATHCOTE RIVER NETWORK



Thank you for the opportunity to  
advocate on behalf of the river.



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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 27/03/2026

**First Name:** Rachel **Last Name:** Crawford

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

We are Richmond

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Capacity Builder,

### Feedback

#### The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?**

Continue with the planned 0.25% rates increase in 2026/27, and apply an additional 0.25% each year of the Long Term Plan.

**Do you have any comments about the options for the Climate Resilience Fund?**

See our submission

#### Contestable community grants

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

[Read more about contestable community grants on page 25 of the Consultation Document. For a full list of the grants we have the option of reducing funding for, visit \[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\]\(http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\).](#)

**Which option do you support for contestable community grants?**

Provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned.

**Do you have any comments about the options for contestable community grants in 2026/27?**

Refer to our submission

#### The Environmental Partnerships Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, we could retain funding at the current \$700,000 per year, and reduce rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

[Read more about the Environmental Partnership Fund on page 25 of the Consultation Document and on our website: here.](#)

**Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?**

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Proceed with the planned \$300,000 increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund.

**Do you have any comments about the options for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?**

Refer to our submission

**Anything else?**

**Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?**

[Read about our proposed changes in the Consultation Document or on our website here.](#) Or look at our full Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

"We Are Richmond" is a progressive and energetic body of people, who use a holistic and future based approach for the betterment of the people of Richmond. We hope the Council continues to support us and our working parties, the Richmond Community Garden Trust, Riverlution and Avebury House in our mission to continue investing where outcomes are already being achieved--and see our submission conclusion.

**Future feedback?**

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

Yes.

Attached Documents

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## SUBMISSION TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

### DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2026/2027

#### INTRODUCTION

During the course of its existence as the Richmond Residents' and Business Association and latterly as "We Are Richmond," this group has established an enviable record of achievement through the dedication of its members and the collaborative approach in its relationships with the City Council and local community groups in many areas. This, in turn, has been fostered and encouraged by Council staff through their personal interest and numerous grants which have enabled us to contribute to, and seen the completion of, many projects which have benefited the residents of Richmond. We also strongly support the Richmond Community Garden Trust, Riverlution, and Avebury House as we work alongside each other in the context of providing high-value environmental outcomes which add value to the amenities both in Richmond and the city as a whole.

#### SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT PLAN

We note that the Council is proposing to reduce the money available in the Council's contestable group grant funding schemes to lower the rate increase. We would strongly suggest that any reduction in the funding granted to the We Are Richmond's and our neighbouring entities' grants would seriously undermine the ability of our people to continue the work they do, particularly in a world where community resilience and well-being is being tested as never before. One could almost go so far as to suggest that continuation of and even an increase in community funding could be seen as co-investment with Council in the continued health and well-being of our city.

There are current examples where the Council is supporting our work: through the road repair programme started in 2018; the redevelopment of Petrie Park; the local initiatives (eg, village fairs, etc) shared with our partners at Avebury House and Riverlution; the grants which enable us to appoint a Capacity Builder who has been able to link many of our local interest and welfare groups; and complete the administrative tasks that are inherent in our work. We are grateful for that support and would hope that it would continue through 2026/27 and beyond.

On a holistic note, we would also urge the Council to seriously reconsider its proposal to pause the planned rates increase that would provide additional funding for the Climate Resilience Fund and the Environmental Partnership Fund. We can not afford to remain vulnerable and exposed to the effects of climate change and must display determination for whatever is ahead of us in this regard. Additionally, any reduction in important capital spending raises concerns for the lives of our children and grandchildren. What legacy will we leave them?

#### CONCLUSION

"We Are Richmond" is a progressive and energetic body of people, who use a holistic and future based approach for the betterment of the people of Richmond. We hope the Council continues to support us and our working parties, the Richmond Community Trust and Riverlution, in our mission to continue investing where outcomes are already being achieved.

# Canterbury Museum Update

## Submission to Christchurch City Council

2 April 2026

<b>Tom Thomson</b>	Chair, Museum Trust Board / CCC appointee to Museum Board
<b>Shayne Te Aika</b>	Deputy Chairperson, University of Canterbury appointee
<b>Sarah Murray</b>	Tumuaki Tuarua   Deputy Director
<b>Nigel Tecofsky</b>	Financial Controller
<b>Andrea Webley</b>	Fundraising & Development Manager



**Thank you for your commitment to date**

**Annual  
Operational  
Levy**

**New  
Museum  
\$28.2M**

**Robert  
McDougall  
Gallery  
\$24.5M**





Operating 3 public attractions



Developing the new visitor experience



Inventoring the collection



Delivering education and public programmes



Staging temporary exhibitions



Conserving and preparing objects for display

## Submission Summary

**2026/27  
Operational  
Levy**

**2026/27  
New Capital  
Request**

**Economic &  
Cultural  
Impact**



## 2026/27 Operational Levy

### In the plan

- 3.7% increase on last year in the plan. Thank you!

### Requesting

- \$16.2K increase based on population movement
- \$46.8K non-redevelopment capital expenditure



## 26/27 New Capital Request

### In the plan

- Nil

### Requesting

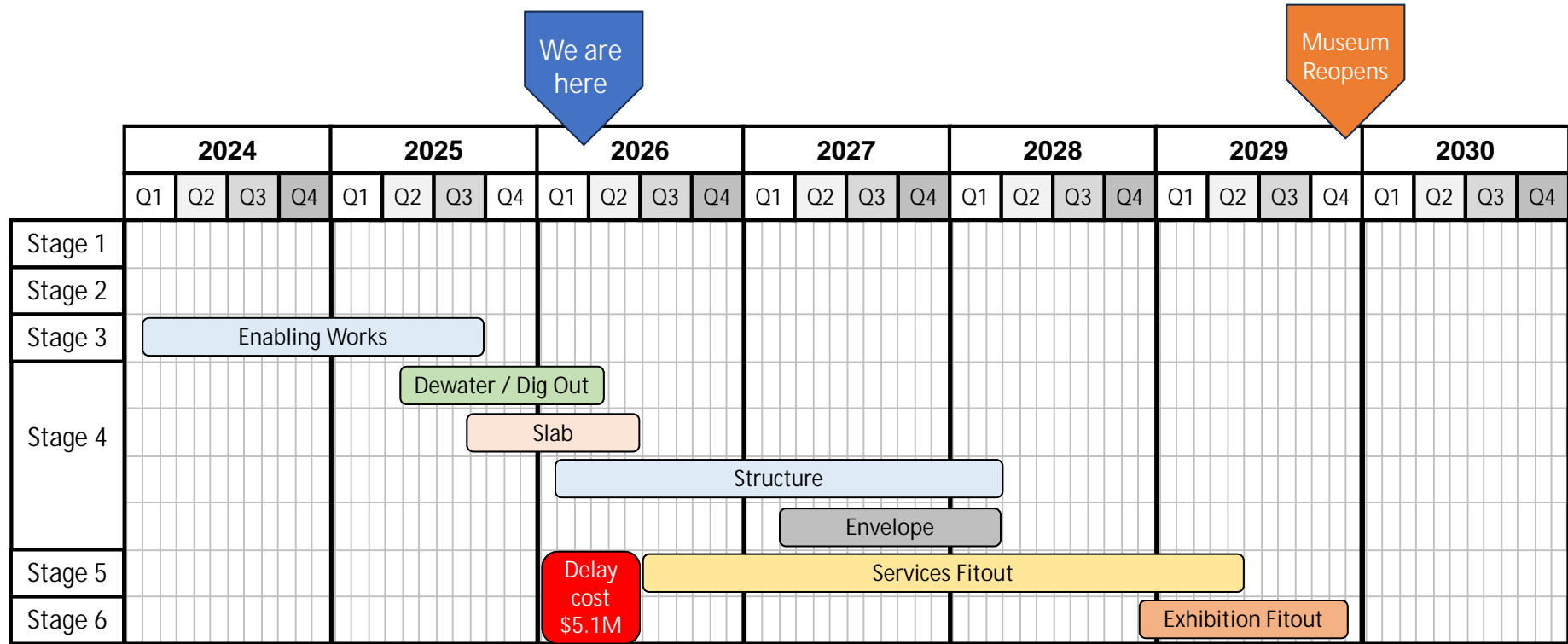
- Commitment to \$26.9M over 4 years
- \$975K payable in 2026/27

### Why do we need funding commitment now?

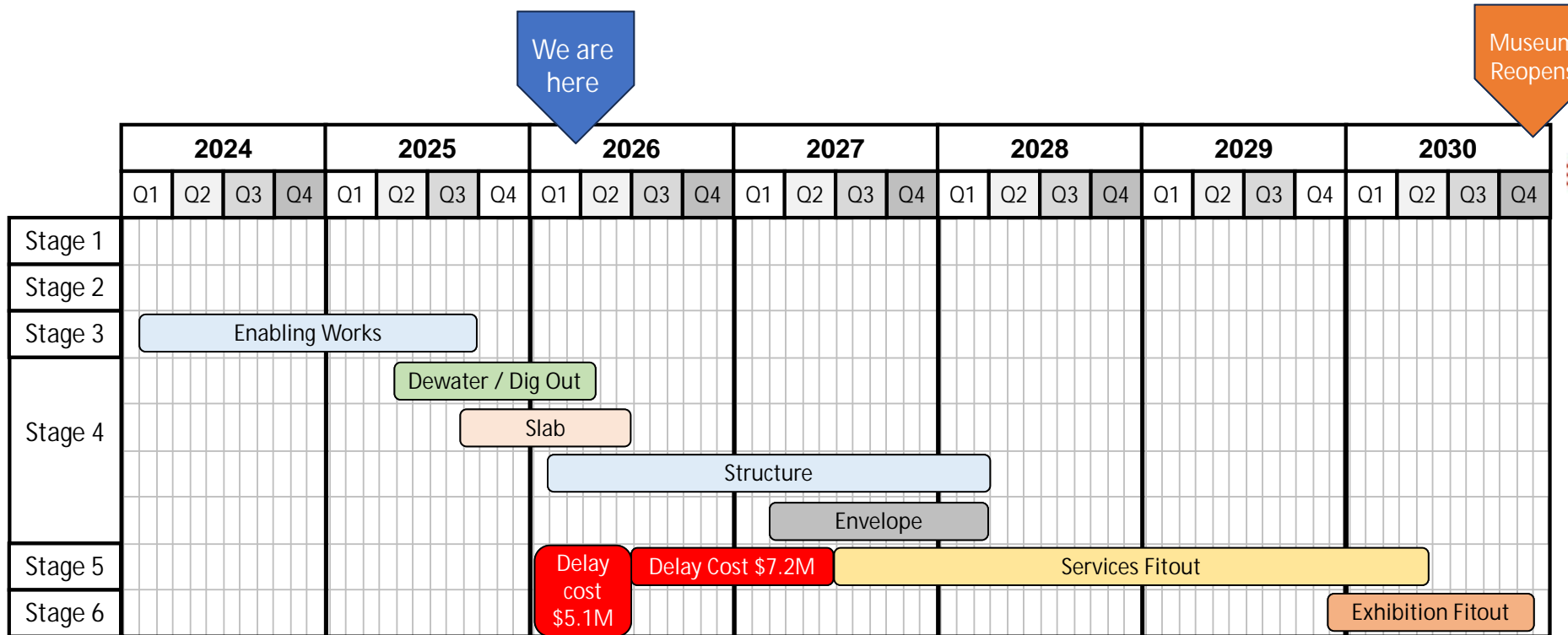
- Contract the building fit-out
- Save \$7.2M by completing new basement, building and fit-out at the same time
- Reopen in 2029



# Project Schedule



# Project Schedule



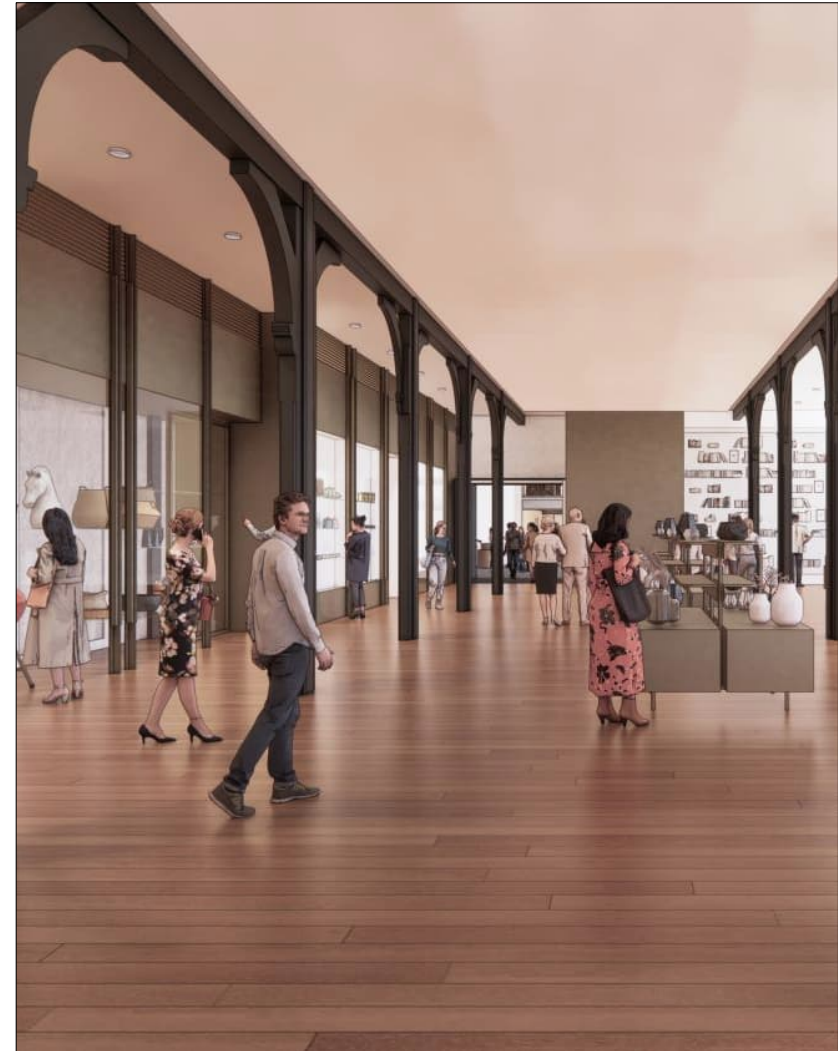
## Project Cost

2024 Project Cost	\$247 million
QRA extra contingency	+\$9.8 million
	<u>\$256.8 million</u>
Cost of delay to 1 July 2026:	+\$5.1 million
Revised project cost	<u>\$261.9 million</u>
Further 12 month delay	+\$7.2 million
Funding shortfall	\$91.9 million



## Funding Status

Project Cost	\$261.9 million
Secured funding	\$170 million
• Local Govt (\$69.8m)	
• Central Govt (\$35m)	
• Grants & Lotteries (\$0.85m)	
• Museum (\$63.4m)	
• Private donations (\$1.05m)	
Spend to date	\$87.6 million
Funding shortfall	\$91.9 million



## Request for Additional Capital Funding

**Local Government** \$32 million  
Over 4 years from 2026/27 to meet cash flow

- **Christchurch (\$26.9m)**
  - 2026/27: \$0.97m
  - 2027/28: \$4.6m
  - 2028/29: \$10.9m
  - 2029/30: \$10.4m
- Waimakariri (\$2.1m)
- Selwyn (\$2.4m)
- Hurunui (\$0.3m)

Over 3 years from 2027/28 \$35.6 million

### Central Government

Over 4 years from 2026/27 \$32 million

or

Over 3 years from 2027/28 \$35.6 million



## Strong Public Support

### Draft Annual Plan Submissions through the Museum portal

- 4,400+ submissions
- 97% important & critical that iconic buildings are restored.

### Public tours of the Collections Facility

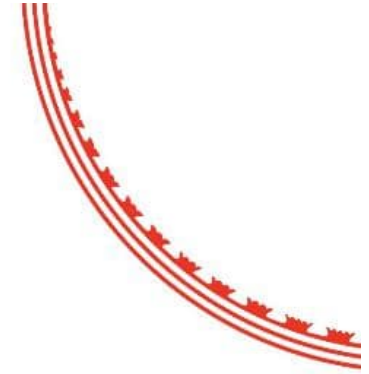
- 1,100 participants



## Revenue Generation

**We are committed to:**

**Door Charges and Special Exhibition Charges**



## Revenue Generation

**We are committed to:**

Door Charges and Special Exhibition Charges

**Other revenue streams:**

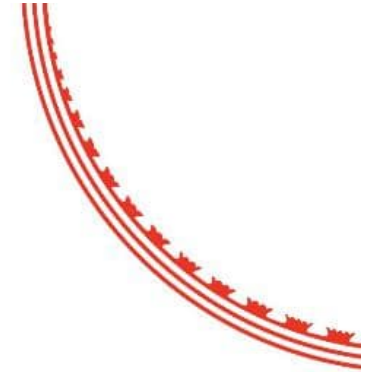
Paid for Premium Experiences

Retail

Venue Hire

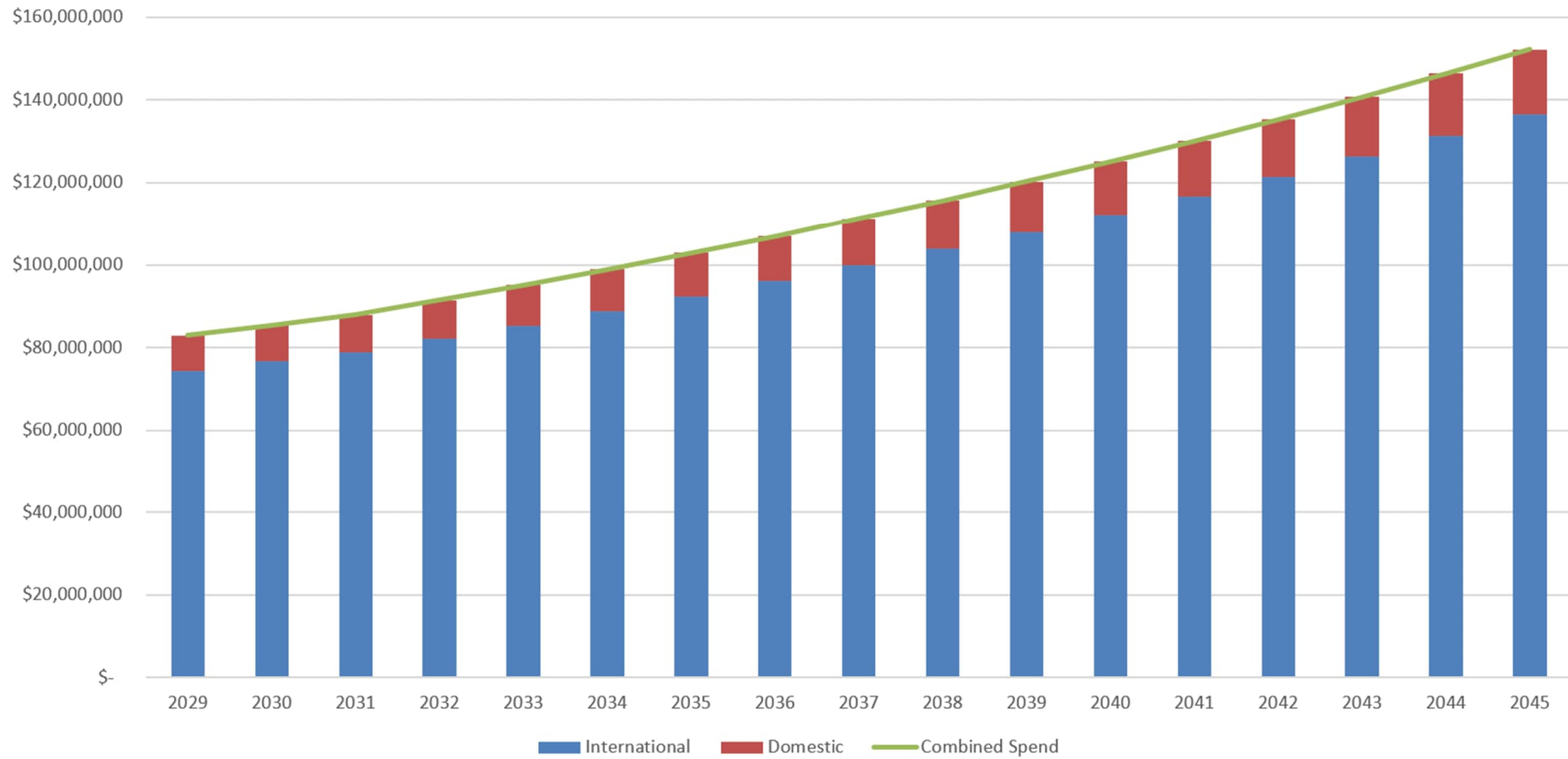
Hospitality

Museum Services



# Economic Benefit

Economic Impact of Canterbury Museum Visitors on Local Economy



## Your Support now will:

Signal confidence in the project to central government, donors, funders and the wider community

Deliver a hugely significant tourism and cultural project with national impact

Enable the Museum to reopen in 2029



The invitation is open for you to visit the Museum redevelopment and our temporary collection facility

Any Questions?





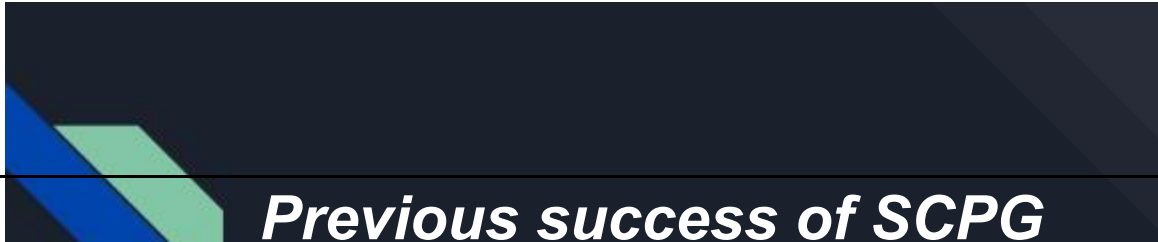


*What we seek:*

A MURDER MYSTERY TO DIE FOR.

THE  
TRAITORS

*Why this is important:*



*Previous success of SCPG*



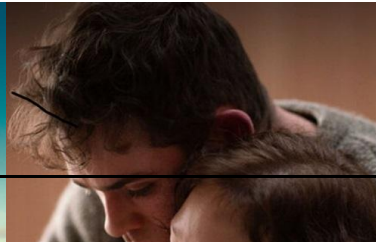
***Successful projects funded:***

EXCERPTS

FEATURE FILM

MARLON WILLIAMS

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## *Canterbury Grant Boosts Screen Activity and GDP*

*Canterbury Screen GDP Growth*

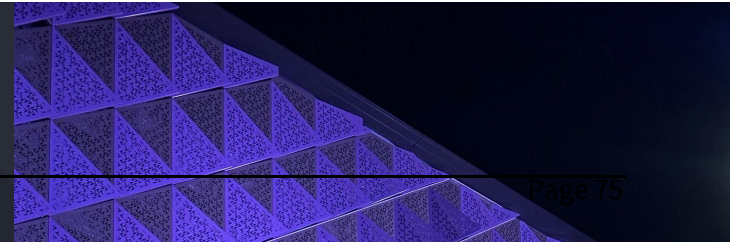
## *Case Study - Auckland Council's Screen Investment*

## *Christchurch as a Screen City*

FROM CHRISTCHURCH TO KABUL  
FROM TRAGEDY TO HOPE

## *Infrastructure + Investment*

- **Kāawa Studios** represents one of the most



***Screen Canterbury NZ: support for our Screen Office***

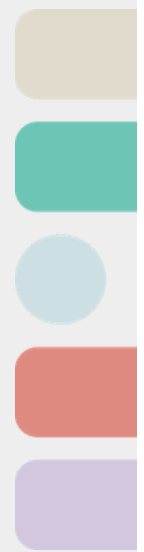
***The future & opportunities:***

Canterbury's screen and creative tech sector is












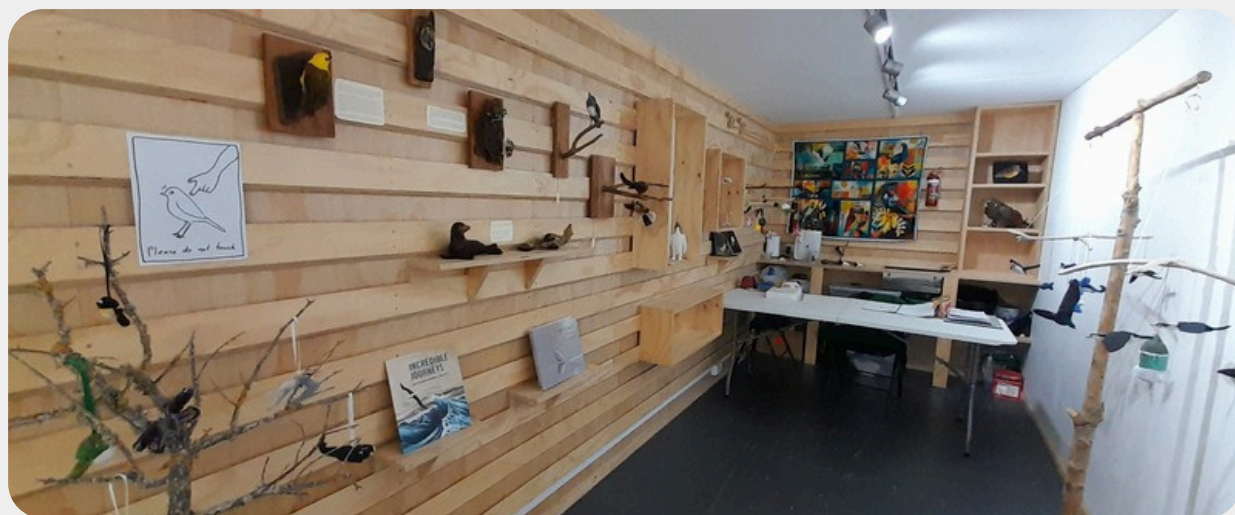


# WE BRING LIFE TO VACANT SPACES

## We connect space with people, ideas, and community

- Matching vacant buildings with creative + community use
- Enabling people to test ideas and grow
- Supporting a city where things can happen

Life  in   
 Vacant  
 Spaces 



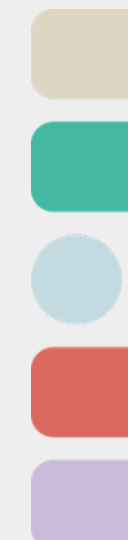
# PROVEN

**A TRUSTED MODEL, DELIVERING IMPACT SINCE 2012**

- 100+ enquiries each year
- 25,000+ people engaging across projects annually
- 20+ participants currently seeking space



# IMPACT

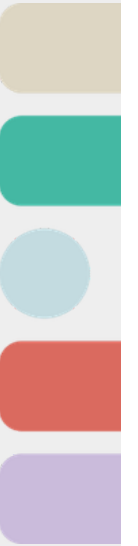


# WHY THIS WORK MATTERS

## This is more than space - it's city-making

- Activates empty spaces → safer, more vibrant streets
- Supports local creatives + small enterprise
- Builds community connection and wellbeing
- Low-cost, high-impact use of existing assets

WE DELIVER  
VALUABLE CITY  
OUTCOMES  
WITHOUT MAJOR  
CAPITAL SPEND



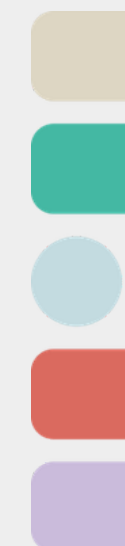
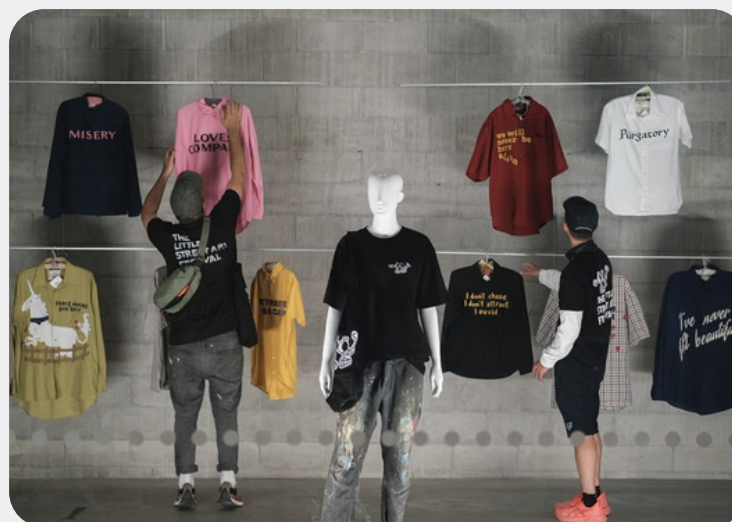
# WHY NOW

## LIVS IS READY TO STEP INTO THIS GAP

### Demand is growing - and the landscape is changing

- Increasing demand for affordable creative space
- More barriers to accessing space
- Loss of other grassroots capacity in the city
- Risk of losing momentum in this space

**This model is being used across Aotearoa and internationally**



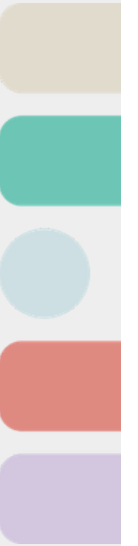
# WHAT'S NEXT - CREATIVE HUB

## A Creative Hub for Christchurch

- Shared studios + workspaces
- Exhibition + activation space
- Public programming
- A place to test ideas and collaborate
- Entry point for emerging creatives

**Delivered through a low-cost, adaptive model  
using existing space**

CREATING  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR  
CREATIVITY — WITHOUT  
BUILDING NEW  
INFRASTRUCTURE



# EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

## Arts in Workplaces 'In Place'

- Connecting artists with workplaces across the city
- Bringing creativity into everyday environments
- Supporting artists with new opportunities and income streams

A PRACTICAL WAY TO  
SUPPORT GRASSROOTS  
ARTS IN A CHANGING  
CITY



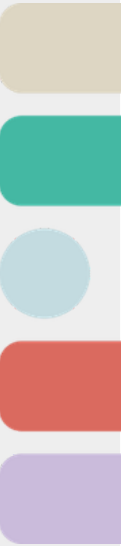


# THE REALITY

## WE ARE DELIVERING MORE - WITH LESS

- \$70,000 annual funding from CCC
- 30% reduction from previous levels
- Does not cover full operational capacity

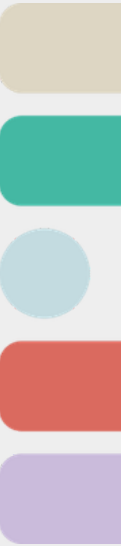
**Demand and expectations continue to grow**

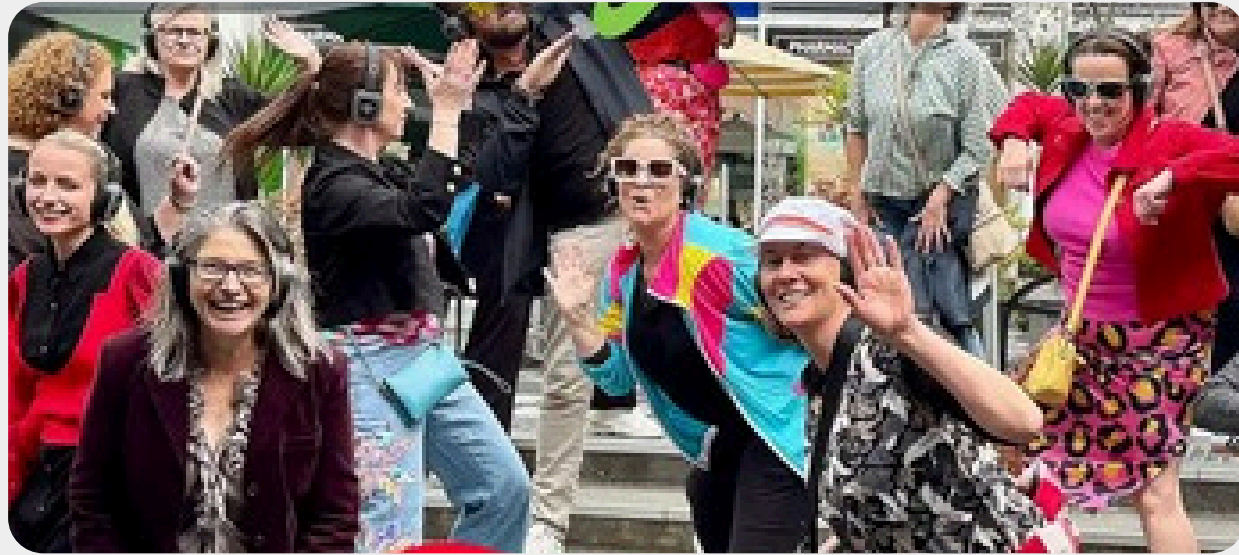


# OUR ASK

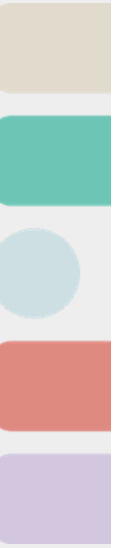
## Demand is growing - and the landscape is changing

- Restore and increase operational funding
- Provide multi-year funding certainty
- Continue support for access to space





# SMALL INVESTMENT. CITY-WIDE IMPACT.





Aerial photo of #4 & #6 Balmoral Lane – 2017



Looking south across #6 Balmoral Lane - March 2026



Looking south-east at #4 and #6 Balmoral Lane – March 2016

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## Community Garden Kaupapa, Hornby

### Purpose

- Support the whole community through healing and connection
- Create a safe, inclusive space on whenua
- Reintegration into the community for people who are disconnected

### The Need

- People leaving the systems without real support or direction
- Gap in community-led, lived-experience solutions
- High offending and addiction in our community

### Our Solution

- Establish a community garden for the south west with also mental health and over all wellbeing support
- Grow and share kai together
- Create a space for learning, healing, and support, provide structure, purpose, accountability
- Open and accessible to the whole community
- People who are involved in their community are less likely to offend in there community
- Guided by Te Whare Tapa whā
- Whanaungatanga

### Who Is Involved

- Led by people with lived experience
- Social workers and support services
- Whānau ora kaimahi
- Maori health
- Community members committed to change

### What We Need

- Partnership
- Access to whenua (land for the garden) and a room to hold hui, korero, store tools
- Council and community support
- Funding for set up (tools, materials, resources)
- Collaboration with probation, courts, and local services

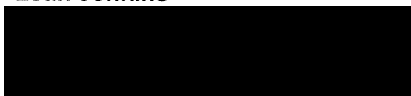
### Outcome

- Stronger more connected community
- A place with belonging, growth, long-term change
- This Kaupapa is already working in the east and we are ready to bring it into our community with support, we can create real and lasting impact on our own community.

### Questions/Feedback

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present to you today. I look forward forward to your favourable response.

Leah Jenkins



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Diane Owen  
2/4/26

**SUBMISSION: REF: 304/6306/3**

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Item 3.3  
Attachment I

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

RE: DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27 FOR CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

156 McCORMACKS BAY ROAD, REDCLIFFS

Introduction:

1. In 2010 - The above property was "taken" from me by the Crown as part of the Port Red Zone Global settlement. Legal costs I incurred were over \$100,000 to overcome the 2007 Government Valuation. In order to reach the ethics and integrity I was entitled to, this was a lengthy process.

It is noted in your document that there is no requirement to offer back to the original owner. If not, my question are ....

(1.1) WHY NOT? (1.2) SALE PRICE/VALUATION ? (1.3) NEIGHBOURS?

CCC History:

2. A GEOTECH Report dated 21 August 2007 indicated that a "second slip" was a rotational landslip that deposited debris (16 square meters of lost land and 9 square meters of damaged land). Probable cause was ground saturation by a leak in a water main in the land above the property.

Conclusion:

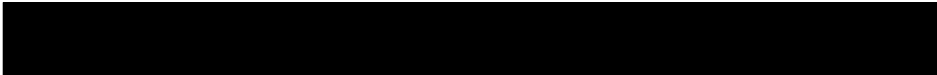
3. I formally lodge an objection to the CCC disposing of the land and/or potentially selling to the adjoining owner for landscaping.
4. I attach a letter supporting the Redcliffs Residents Association with relative information.

Yours sincerely

  
DIANNE OWEN

DATED: 1 April 2026





1 April 2026

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27

53 Hereford Street

CHRISTCHURCH

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: FORMAL SUBMISSION: REQUEST TO HALT SALE AND UNDERTAKE CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT - 156 McCormacks Bay Road, Redcliffs

*I write to formally lodge an objection to the proposed sale of the above property and to request that no further steps toward disposal are taken until appropriate cultural and archaeological assessments have been completed.*

*I resided on this land for approximately 40 years and during that time I owned and operated a flourishing homestay business for overseas students. During that time, I became aware of an event that I believe is of significant historical and cultural importance. In 1958 a neighbouring resident, Dave Saunders – who later became a respected member of the Christchurch search and rescue community – discovered Maori skeletal remains on the property.*

*The discovery suggests that the land holds cultural and archaeological significance, potentially as a wahi tapu or burial site. In light of this I respectfully request that the Council give serious consideration to halting any sale process until a full archaeological and cultural assessment has been undertaken.*

*Note: I have documentation from Roger Fyfe, Canterbury Museum stating that the skeletal remains found on the property are not with the Museum.*

*Further information is also referenced in R S Duff's Field Book dated 23/3/58.*

*"Cranial fragments, the phalange of one leg together with the accumulation of cut lengths of dentalium - probably from a necklace."*

*I further ask that appropriate consultation occur with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu to ensure the land is treated with the respect and care it may warrant.*

*I was advised that the property was deemed as unsuitable for building. This combined with its potential cultural significance, presents an opportunity to preserve the land in a manner that honours its history and origins.*

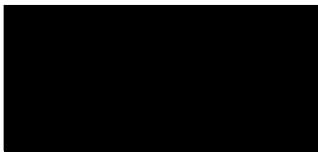
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*Having resided on this land for many years, I feel a deep sense of responsibility to ensure its story is acknowledged, I respectfully ask that this information be taken into account before any irreversible decisions are made.*

*Thank you for your invitation to submit.*

*Yours faithfully*



DIANNE OWEN

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LAND

*For forty years, this land was home – a place of living, memory and quiet continuity. Seasons came and went like the tide. Lives unfolded and beneath it all, the land remained constant, holding more than we could see.*

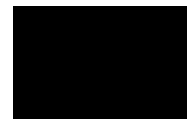
*In time, it revealed part of its deeper story – the discovery of Maori remains, a reminder that this place was known, lived upon and honoured long before my own presence there.*

*Land is never just land. It carries footsteps, stories and the imprint of those who came before. Some places ask nothing of us, while others ask to be remembered.*

*Now, as its future is considered, I offer this thought, with respect: that this land be allowed to return, in spirit and in purpose, to its origins. Not as something to be built upon, but as something to be acknowledged – quietly and with care.*

*After 40 years, I do not feel I am leaving it behind, but rather, that it is being entrusted back to where it belongs.*

**(I WOULD BE HONOURED TO DONATE A PLAQUE FOR THE COMMUNITY)**



# Ferrymead Heritage Park: A Sustainable Living Museum of Technology, Crafts and Heritage

Presentation to CCC Annual Plan 2026-2027 - Tuesday 7 April 2026






## A Year of Transition 2025-2026

- Changed funding environment for Ferrymead Heritage Park – a catalyst for change
- Reducing expenditure and increasing revenue to ensure we can continue to operate
- Increasing the number of volunteers to support Park operation
- Strengthening active external partnerships
- Increasing revenue through revamping our events and activities
- Strengthening governance of Trust and FPL – appointment of new Trustees and Directors



## Alignment with CCC priorities

- Key element of city's infrastructure – community destination and hub e.g. Park societies, community groups, community usage -police dog training
- Important role in supporting the City's development
  - A significant city, regional, national and international visitor attraction
  - A destination supporting longer visitor stays in the City
- Ferrymead's complementary and key role in celebration and experience of cultural heritage, especially in period when Museum is closed
- Supporting local participation in a world class educational and recreational resource – evidenced by growing visitor and volunteer numbers
- Preserving the natural environment and environmental heritage – e.g planting



## Becoming sustainable – working in partnership

- CCC's support in ongoing development to realise objectives and ensure sustainability e.g Capital Endowment Fund for specific infrastructure projects:
  - Exhibition space
  - Improvements in storage facilities
  - Chapel repairs/re roofing
- Inclusion as a line item in Annual and Long-Term Plans –
  - Support for funding sustainability endorsed by other partners e.g. Historic Places Canterbury
- Celebrating heritage - a value-added proposition for the City
- CCC's support provides confidence to external funders when bidding for grants



## Testimonial

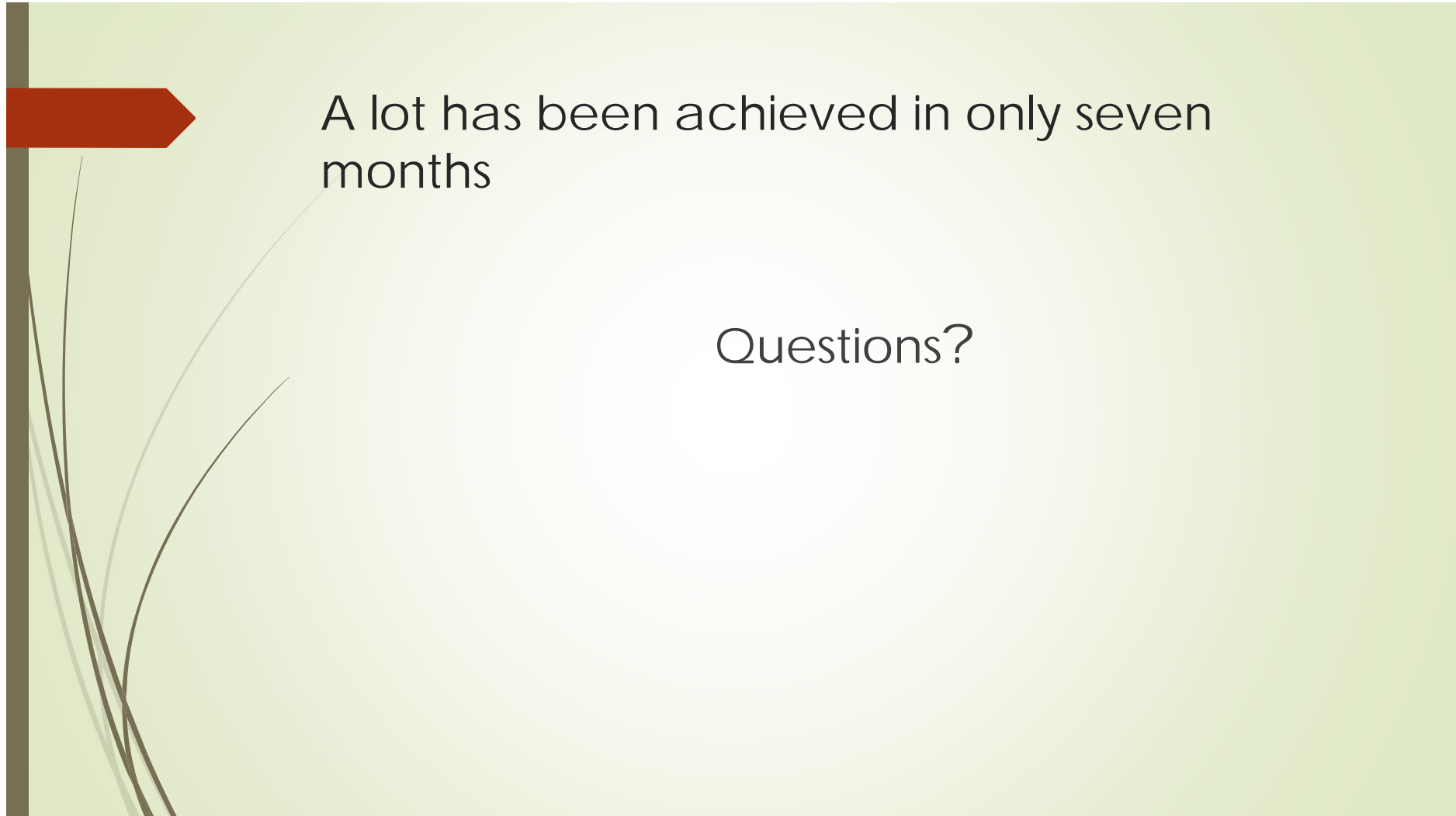
*"The visit to Ferrymead Heritage Park provides our guests with a unique and meaningful opportunity to experience New Zealand's past in an engaging and accessible way. After travelling across the country and exploring its diverse landscapes, the park offers a well-rounded historical perspective that enriches the overall journey. In particular, the park's representation of different stages of New Zealand's development allows visitors to gain valuable insight into the country's cultural and social evolution. The combination of preserved buildings, interactive exhibits, and knowledgeable volunteers creates an authentic and immersive environment"* Terra Nova Tours

*"So worth visiting. Abundance of history. Set aside a whole day and bring some snacks and drinks. A great outing for the whole family"* Marie Erasmus Local Guide



## What has been achieved 2025-2026

- Reduced wage expenditure by 50% while improving our offer
- Increased revenue through admissions, education programmes and events
- Achieving a small operating surplus from December 2025 – March 2026
- Increase in national and international external partnerships for events and visits (e.g. Spice Festival, Princesses in the Park, Nostalgia. Pounamu Tour Group – international)
- Corporate partnership to improve infrastructure – Isaac Construction for pavements and roading, Urban Tree revival Sawmill – grounds and building repairs
- increased satisfaction from visitors – see testimonials
- Growing number of volunteers to support operations – grounds, front of house, education programmes
- Revision of collections to support strategies to enhance awareness of richness of our taonga



I am speaking from the point of view of a ratepayer already burdened by extremely high rates and who at current rates of annual increase is facing the prospect of those rates doubling over the next ten years.

I am particularly concerned about the museum project.

I consider that the concept of an underground and underwater facility with base isolation is unaffordable and risky. Above ground, off-site, temperature controlled storage facilities (like those recently completed by the British Museum near Reading), could have been built for a fraction of the cost. Base isolation is fine if you have unlimited resources. Very few if any other buildings in Christchurch have considered base isolation to be necessary or justified.

My second concern is with the decision making process that has led to this council now being required to pick up the tab for a facility which it neither owns nor has effective control over. The Museum Board was entrusted with rebuilding the museum and had available to it resources of \$164m. Rather than redevelop within those means (something which should have been easily achievable) the board elected to enter into contracts for which it did not have adequate funding and which did not and still do not provide for the rather important fit out and display spaces. To my mind that conduct is unacceptable. Would shareholders tolerate that kind of conduct by their board of directors and the answer is, of course not.

Against that background I am realistic enough to accept that this council is presented with a fait accompli and there is not much that can be done about these past decisions.

However, looking forward I consider that the Council should do two things.

First, the Council must take over effective control of the museum re-development project. The existing board structure has proven to be unwise and inconsiderate of the interests of the ratepayers of Christchurch.

Secondly the Council must bring its resources to bear and subject the proposed way forward to the closest possible scrutiny. Rather than rely on the recent, tailored public survey and the glossy and expensive but relatively superficial presentations to this council, the council should bring all its resources to bear and focus on exactly what is now proposed and exactly what it is going to cost down to the finest detail, in order to protect the interests of the ratepayers who are after all the real financiers of this project.

And that is all I want to say thank you.

*Geoff Brodie*



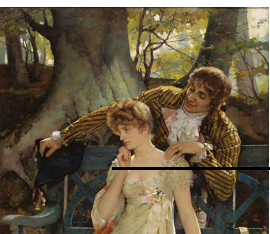






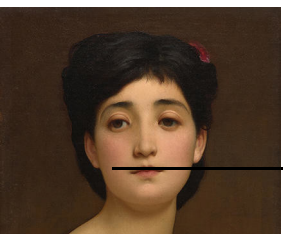






















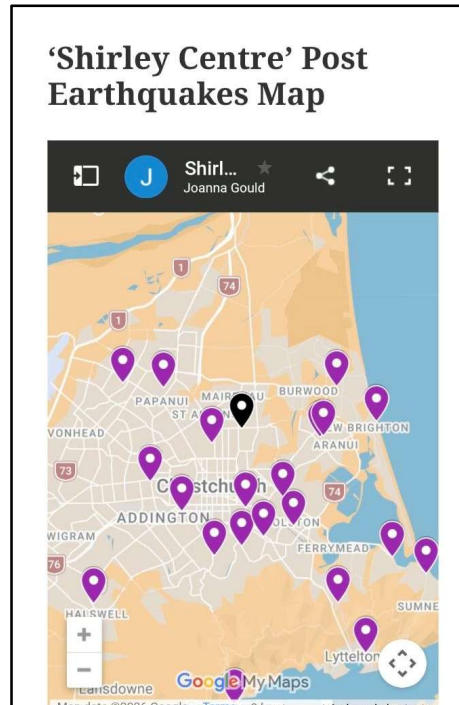


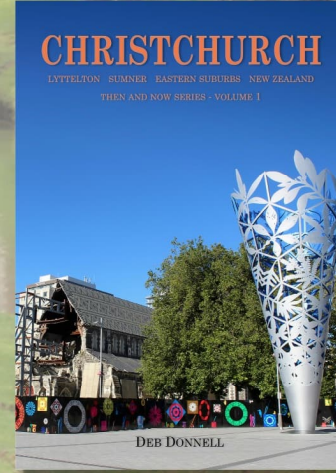




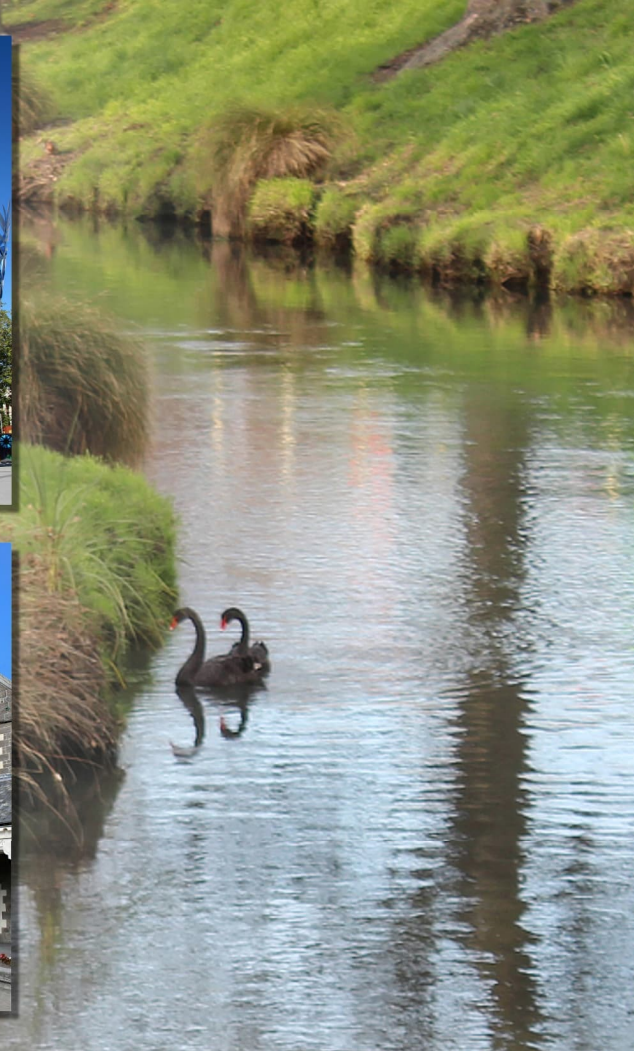
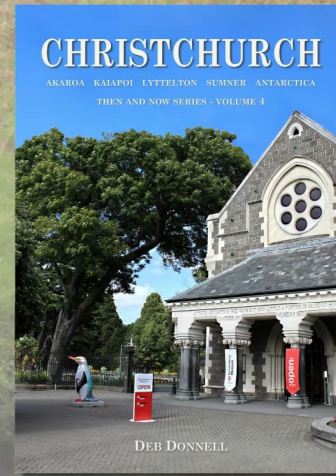
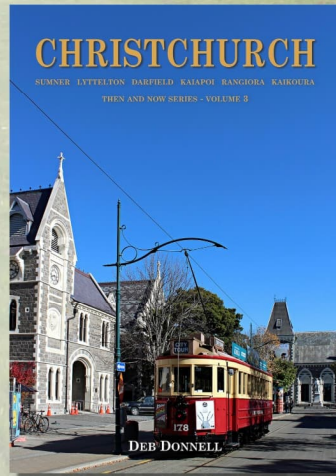
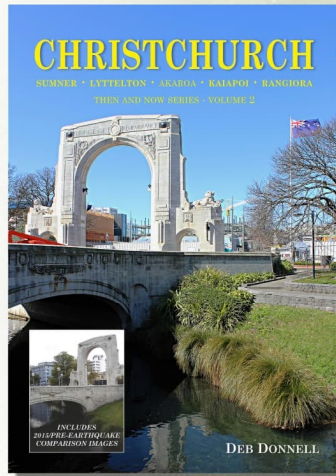


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Draft Annual Plan Hearing, June 7, 2026; Oral Submission: Victoria Andrews, Akaroa, Banks Peninsula  
Thank you for allowing me to address my submission.

Opening statement

- There is more to Christchurch than the CBD, Cathedral Square, the new sports complex and 30,000 seat stadium.
- Don't expect ratepayers to pick up the tab and pay for non-essential expenditures during an extended period of extreme cost increases that many of us cannot afford.
- Ratepayers are not cash cows with regard to providing funding for development and restoration projects.

Key points of my submission

1. The climate is the most critical issue requiring immediate action. As the planet moves towards 1.7C of global warming the impact of an increasingly unstable climate will alter our ability to grow food and provide safe and secure drinking water.
2. International, regional and local economies will not function without basic resources and a reasonably stable environment.
3. Recent storm events provide a glimpse into the near future and what the next generation and their children (your grandchildren) must face.
4. It is essential that council levels of service are consistent and fair to all ratepayers - including those who live on Banks Peninsula .
5. **Akaroa and the outer bays are a remote and isolated community of interest located 80 kilometres or more from Christchurch** and the council fails to truly understand or acknowledge this fact. Akaroa and the outer bays lack any form of public transport.

As you are aware

The recent closure of Highway 75 through Little River due to flooding and the torrential rain around Akaroa and Wainui demonstrate the need to urgently improve Civil Defence measures to remote and isolated communities.

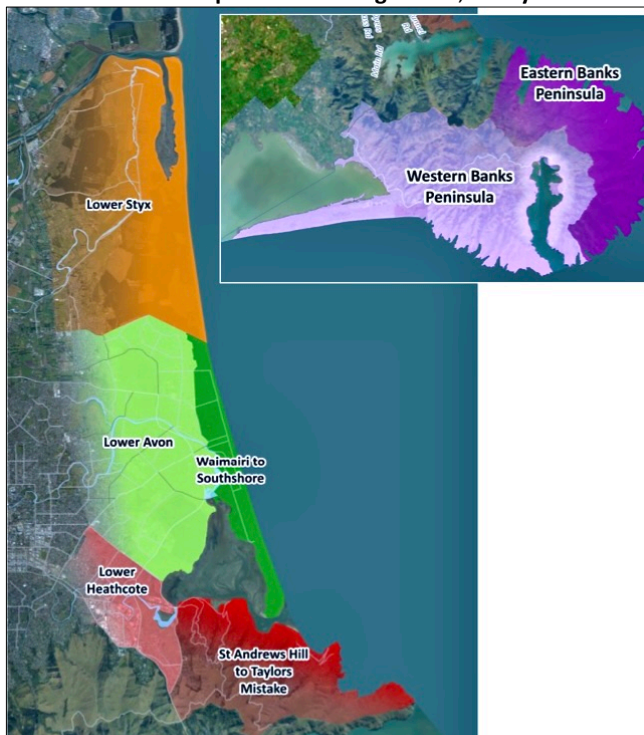
What you may not know

In Akaroa communication was not possible because landlines and cell phones were not working (with the exception of Starlink and sporadic connection to 2Degrees).

Helicopters could not land for emergencies because of weather conditions.

Storm events are more frequent and severe and the situation will worsen in years to come.

**Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning Item 7, Policy and Planning Committee AGENDA April 8 2026**



- Staff recommend Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning proceed to the Heathcote River area and Taylors Mistake which are adjacent Christchurch with access to emergency services Adequate evidence is lacking to support this priority action.

- Eastern and Western Banks Peninsula is a remote and isolated community of interest currently threatened by sea level rise, flooding and coastal hazards. The landmass is coastal and it includes numerous assets that are seriously at risk. The BP Community Board and community groups have urged the Council to take action for years without response.

The following photos illustrate the seriousness of sea level rise with regard to Akaroa

(images ©Victoria Andrews)



Akaroa's main street, Rue Lavaud, May 31, 2021



Rue Jolie and the Akaroa Recreation Ground, May 31, 2021



Bridge over Grehan Stream, Recreation Ground, July 27, 2022



Beach Road, April 16, 2015

The council should provide the same or a similar level of service to Peninsula ratepayers as that in the city.

- The Akaroa Service Centre/Hub is the first point of contact for ratepayers and residents. It requires the same opening hours as in the city, trained staff and adequate funding.
- The Akaroa Service Hub needs to provide NZTA services as in the city.
- Akaroa and those living in the bays have to drive long distances at great expense to access what is readily available to ratepayers living in the Christchurch; this is grossly unfair to Peninsula ratepayers.

I ask the council to do the following

1. **Prioritise and accelerate the council's Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning Programme and improve Civic Defence to include the Akaroa area and outer bays as a remote and isolated community of interest as a high priority.**
2. Provide a Civil Defence Starlink set up for Akaroa. As stated, Akaroa and the outer bays can be totally cut off from Canterbury without a means of communication over an extended period of time. Residents need to be able to contact family, friends and medical services by phone.
3. Maintain and enhance the level of service (LOS) for facilities and activities in and around Akaroa.
4. Maintain and enhance the level of service for the Akaroa Museum, Service Centre, School and Community Library.
5. The Akaroa Volunteer Information Centre works with volunteers and is a minimal cost to the council but funding is required to ensure the office manager remains in place to oversee and schedule the volunteer roster and office management. The Information Centre provides a vital service to visitors as well as new residents moving into the area. Local volunteers benefit by becoming more active within the community as well as enjoying meeting new people from visiting from New Zealand and around the world and this assists in community wellbeing. Assist in linking the Akaroa, Lyttelton and Little River information centres to provide consistent and update to date information in a unified manner.
6. **The Akaroa Service Centre/Hub** – reinstate standard opening hours (9am to 5pm according to the CCC website) the same as those located in Christchurch.
  - a. The Akaroa Service Centre is a community hub which also **provides New Zealand Post services**. Ratepayers in the outer bays must drive long distances to reach Akaroa and the NZ Postal Service. Opening hours were reduced to Mon-Friday 10-2 as a cost saving measure by the former Chief Executive in December 2020. The reduced opening hours makes it extremely difficult for some workers to access the facility especially when driving to Akaroa long distances from the outer bays.

- b. The council should provide the same level of service to all ratepayers, doing otherwise is unfair and prejudice.
- c. The Akaroa Service Centre/Hub has become a busy and active council facility; therefore reduced opening hours can no longer be justified. Covid and lockdowns ended years ago.

Further details

The Akaroa Service Centre/Hub is housed in the historic 1914 Post Office building in the heart of Akaroa. The structure was fully earthquake strengthened, however Team Leaders decided to shut the facility in December 2020 without consulting the Banks Peninsula Community Board or ratepayers. The service centre was downsized and staffed by a librarian when it was moved into the Akaroa Area School and Community Library as a cost saving measure by the former CEO.

As a strategic asset listed in the District Plan, public consultation was required. The resulting evidence was that ratepayers demanded the return of the Service Centre to its former location on the main street of the town.

However, staffing and opening hours were reduced to 4 hours per day Monday-Friday. At the time the council said the facility was underutilised in 2020 during Covid lockdowns.

Please compare Akaroa's current opening hours and services to those in the city while noting that many are in close proximity whereas the nearest Service Centre in relation to Akaroa is located in Little River which is 27 kilometres and a 40-minute drive over a very winding road. The Little River Service Centre serves a small rural community Monday – Friday: opening hours 8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. How can this be fair to Akaroa with a larger population base and numerous visitors requiring NZ POST?????

Thank you.



# Funding the Coastal Pathway

How Te Ara Ihutai was built

# Lookout Platform — Concept Plan

2014 Original Concept

2026 Engineered Plan



# Spokes Canterbury

CCC Annual Plan 2026/27

April 2026

Anne Scott, Spokes Submissions Coordinator

# Cycling benefits Christchurch

## Economic benefits of increased cycling

- Cheap transport – stable fuel and maintenance costs – runs on food and electricity
- Health – being active improves physical and mental wellbeing
- Reduced congestion – travel time saving for others
- Safety – reduced accidents per km travelled – from new infrastructure and increasing no. of cyclists
- Reduced emissions - climate and pollution
- Cheaper infrastructure (cf roads) to build and maintain, high cost/benefit ratios

Invest in making cycling safe, convenient and mainstream



# Christchurch Cycling Success Story

## Build it and they will come

In Christchurch – *Household Survey 2023-24, NZTA*

- 26.8 % cycle at least once a month
- 8.5 % cycle at least 10x a month, 4.3% 20x / month

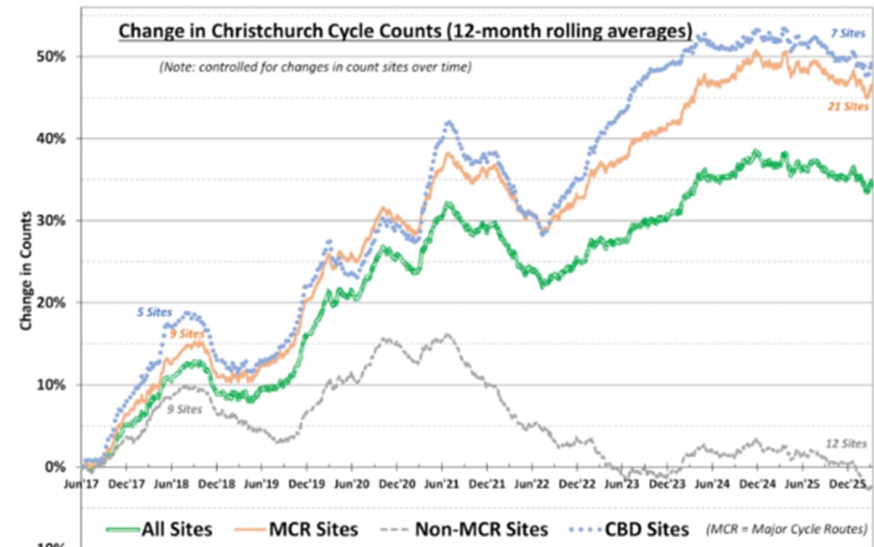
Census 2023

- 6% cycle in Christchurch but varied 2-20% in different suburbs, better infrastructure = higher cyclist numbers

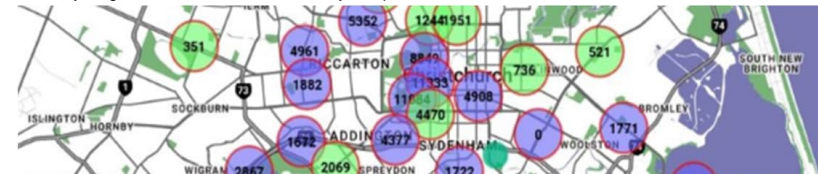
Cycling increases from Jun 2017 to March 2026

- 40% increase across all counters
- Ilam Road – Nor'West Arc 24% incr. Feb 2026 vs Feb 2025
- No counters on other newly opened sections
- Gender balance 30% 2016 to 41-45% 2025/26
- Greater diversity – cargo bikes, trikes
- 2025 - Numbers dropped a bit – winter was coldest in long time and some counters were broken.
- 2026 - In last few weeks it feels busier with a 6% increase in March 2026 vs Feb 2026 as fuel costs surge

Internationally recognised as the most bicycle-friendly city in Asia and Oceania and 38th city globally



Cycling in Christchurch, Glen Koorey, 5 Apr 2026



## Demand for cycle infrastructure

- Spokes has been consulting with cyclists over the last three months
- 219 suggestions prioritised – high consistency with 2025 but some new concerns, eg Rose St
- Top requests sent to the Community Boards in feedback to Annual Plans
- Cyclists love the City to Sea pathway, Antigua Street and Nor'West Arc improvements
- Safety for children biking to school still major issue
- More diverse needs – road cyclists wanting more bike lanes to disabled cyclists using trikes wanting smoother transitions
- Congestion on popular routes, particularly at intersections



## Priorities for cycling

We need to:

- Finish Major Cycle Routes
- Provide new connections to popular destinations, including schools
- Enhance cycling in city centre
- Increase slow speed neighbourhoods
- Continue to widen park paths
- Provide safer intersections and crossings for cyclists and pedestrians
- Improve bike parking



# Priorities for cycling

The 2026/27 Plan has a lot of cuts and deferrals of cycling infrastructure that is in demand  
Mentioning a few that should be retained

- Northern Corridor Improvements
- South Express Hei Hei to Jones Road
- \$3.8M for Northern Line and Nor'West Arc
- Amyes Road upgrade
- Pages Road bridge and surrounds
- No programme for safety around schools – lot more to be done
- Good to see Nor'West Arc continues to be funded.

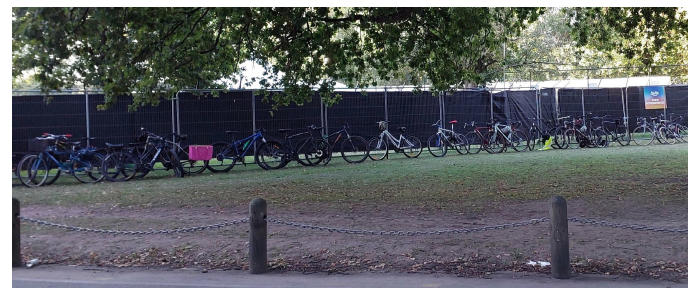
Project Title	Current Budget (inflation)				Proposed Budget (inflation)				Budget Change							
	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	24	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	24	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	24	Total	
24601 Major Cycleway - Okhara Avon Route (Section 1) Fitzgerald to Scares Road Bridge	607	123	7,293		7,623	607	123	6,539		7,623					102	102
24602 Major Cycleway - Okhara Avon Route (Section 2) Scares Road Bridge to Anzac Drive Bridge (S246C)			12,177		12,177			11,904		11,904					-273	-273
24603 Major Cycleway - Okhara Avon Route (Section 3) Anzac Drive Bridge to New Brighton (S246C)			12,519		12,519			12,022		12,022					-497	-497
24604 Major Cycleway - Opawahe River Route (Section 1) Phoenix Margaret Hospital to C	305	614	18,411		19,330	305	614	18,245		18,245					-85	-85
24605 Major Cycleway - Opawahe River Route (Section 2) Waltham to Ferrymead Bridge	106	1,530	32,312		33,948	106	1,524	31,658		31,289					-453	-459
24606 Major Cycleway - Opawahe River Route (Section 2) Corston to Waltham	217	1,106	4,796		6,119	217	1,105	4,732		4,651					-68	-68
24607 Major Cycleway - Southern Lights Route (Section 1) Brookland to Transport	864	511	2,917		3,792	864	508	2,894		2,906					-10	-10
24608 Major Cycleway - South Express Route (Section 1) Hei Hei to Jones	3,872	1,688	9,411		14,971	3,882	1,149	6,327		9,506					2,729	2,680
24611 Major Cycleway - Wharfedale to Wings Route (Section 1) Linking Nor'West Arc and No	1,787	271			2,058	1,787	271			2,058						
24612 Major Cycleway - Wharfedale to Wings route (Section 2) Makara to Hornwood/Gardens/Beech			12,710		12,710			12,546		12,546					-164	-164
24613 Major Cycleway - Wharfedale to Wings route (Section 3) Hornwood/Gardens/Beech			6,696		6,696			6,575		6,575					-121	-121
24617 Core Public Transport Routes & Facilities - South West Lincoln Road (Phase 1)			240		240			230		230					-10	-10
41845 Cycle Connections - Quarryman's Trail		264	188		452		265	185		450					-2	-2
41847 Cycle Connections - Nor'West Arc		75			75		75			75						
44700 Local Cycle Network - Eastern Outer Orbital		236			236		236			236						
44704 Local Cycle Network - Orana & St Martine		144	211		355		144	209		353					-2	-2
44705 Local Cycle Network - Ferrymead		55	343		398		55	339		394					-4	-4
50465 Delivery Package - Public Transport Stops, Shelters & Seatings Installation Eip To F	829	860			1,689	829	857			1,686					-3	-3
60343 Central City Projects - Antique Street Cycle Network (Team Mouth)			900		900			900		900						
60344 Central City Projects - Central City Transport Interchange Extension			72		72			72		72						
60207 Bus Interchange Upgrade																
60463 Programme - Street Asset Renewals to Support Capital Projects	71	1,244			1,315	71	1,215			1,286					-29	-29
64471 Major Cycleway - Northern Line Route (Section 1) Railway Crossing	9,186	39,179			48,374	9,186	38,754			47,940					-434	-434
69626 Major Cycleway - Little River Link Route Rail Crossing			2,812		2,812			2,819		2,819					7	7
71804 Central Pathways & Networks Bus - Central Funded		729			729			1,090		1,090					361	361
71809 Train Power Supply Renewals	1,845	1,818	1,217		4,879	180	1,000	3,779		4,879					1,099	1,062
72760 Transport Choices 2022 - Little River Link Cycle Connections (and Simeon Street)																
72779 Transport Choices 2022 - Limited Bus Stop Improvements	125				125			125		125						
73854 Programme - PT Futures	1,057	71,738			72,795	1,057	71,728			72,785						
74010 Memorial Avenue Cycle Lanes		18,411			18,411			18,411		18,411						
74011 Programme - NorthEast Cycle Route		24,484			24,484			25,773		25,773					1,289	1,289
74963 Programme - Mass Rapid Transit	170	4,511			4,681	169	4,468			4,637					-44	-44
74964 Programme - Cycle/Pedestrian Improvements								250		250					250	250
74965 Major Cycleway - Heathcote Expressway Route - Scrutton Road Roundabout	1,000	1,354			2,354	1,000	1,354			2,354						

## Operational funding important



### Small things make a big difference

- Speed reductions have most impact on safety
- Pedestrian/cyclist refuges across busy streets
- Bike parking
- Signage and way-finding
- Timely removal of glass and debris
- Removing staples in alleyways and putting reflector tape on bollards
- Greater enforcement of parking and bus lanes
- Cut-downs to get between the road and park paths
- Extend the time bus lanes operate



# Cycling Infrastructure trials

## Temporary cycleway connections

- Solid Bollards
- Smooth surfaces
- Standard width
- Slower speeds
- Safe road crossings
- Pages Road ideal test site

Questions



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### Feedback

#### Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

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I have purposely not commented on the museum re development, but am concerned that an extra \$9 million is being required from Council on top of the additional \$28 million. I am not sure what this additional money is for and have requested information under LGOIMA

In light of the difficulties created by the Canterbury Museum Trust, I believe the way to fund this additional money is through a low interest loan.

Conclusion; I support funding for all four buildings but suggest a different funding mechanism for those external organisations, that have been slow in restoring these important heritage buildings.

I further bring to the Council's attention that destruction of these buildings will likely require a notified resource consent.

Regards

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I have purposely not commented on the museum re development, but am concerned that an extra \$9 million is being required from Council on top of the additional \$28 million. I am not sure what this additional money is for and have requested information under LGOIMA

In light of the difficulties created by the Canterbury Museum Trust, I believe the way to fund this additional money is through a low interest loan.

**Conclusion;** I support funding for all four buildings but suggest a different funding mechanism for those external organisations, that have been slow in restoring these important heritage buildings.

I further bring to the Council's attention that destruction of these buildings will likely require a notified resource consent.

Regards

Helen Broughton



27 March 2026

# Re:Opening Completing the Square



# Steve Wakefield

Chair CCRL



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Reinstatement  
Project



## Content

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## Our shared problem

- Council owns Cathedral Square and has budgeted \$28.5m for its revitalisation
- Anglican Diocese owns the Cathedral, its reinstatement has been paused
- There are considerable sunk costs (\$90 million) invested in the project to date:
  - \$25 million provided by the Government
  - \$3 million by Council (with a further \$7 million committed)
  - \$24 million by donors
  - \$38 million from the Diocese
- *Demolition is not an option. The Cathedral is stable but not fully strengthened.*
- *Without additional public funding we can't attract further philanthropic support.*

## The proposed solution – an adjusted approach:

- In September 2025, CCRL announced a staged reinstatement with occupancy of the Cathedral nave (700 capacity) and tower the priority
- A timeline for completion by late 2030, now a half complete project
- Reopening unlocks Cathedral Square for all Cantabrians and visitors
- Since the time of our written submission, we have also secured a coalition funding commitment for the project

*CCRL needs genuine multi-stakeholder leadership and support to deliver this project and solve this critical city problem.*

## The Funding Pathway requires \$90-95 million:

- ✓ \$10 million to hand (includes Council's \$7m commitment)
- ✓ \$20 million additional commitment from the Church
- ✓ \$15 million commitment from NZ First government coalition
- ✓ \$20 million more from donors
- ✓ \$65 million pathway is in place

WE STILL REQUIRE A CCC COMMITMENT OF \$25-30m TO RESTART & REOPEN IN 2030.

Cathedral Square cannot be fully reinvigorated without an accessible Cathedral

## Activating Public Support

- Our activation plan has brought many people back into the Cathedral with extensive national media coverage.
- Since being granted a CPU we have welcomed 13,500 visitors inside
- All our activity has been funded by sponsorship or crowdfunding.
- Our recent Open Weekend was fully booked and 1,000 visitors attended.
- Many residents love their Cathedral and want to see it reinstated.

## Help reopen Christ Church Cathedral

Some moments are  
worth speaking up for.  
**This is one of them.**



# Heritage & Civic Role

A building of national significance inextricably entwined to the city's story.



## Lest We Forget ANZAC DAY 2025

We would like to warmly acknowledge the support of **Buddle Findlay** for illuminating Christ Church Cathedral to commemorate New Zealand's servicemen and women.



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## Thank you everyone for your generosity

We want to warmly acknowledge the support of **Naylor Love, Protranz, Accessman, Antony & Mates, Mitre 10 Canterbury, Holmes Solutions, HW Hendriks Sons & Daughter, Isaacs Construction and The Light Site** for making it possible to put the City Mission's Tree back into the Cathedral for Christmas.



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Otautahi  
Street Art  
Festival



## CCRL has secured a new funding commitment



NZ First leader Winston Peters says the Christ Church Cathedral is “more than just a Church, it is a part of the city’s heritage”.

KAI SCHWOERER / THE PRESS



## A coalition commitment of \$15 million for the Cathedral

# Opinion



Former Christchurch mayor throws support behind public money for Christ Church Cathedral restoration

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Christchurch mayor Phil Mauer has ‘3am’ brainwave to fix the Cathedral - and the Square

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“A clarion call to stop devaluing our cultural heritage, our city’s story and to rebuild the Cathedral because it is pūtake, the source, of Christchurch”.  
Upoko of Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Te Maire Tau.

# Business Leaders Support

*“We encourage the parties to the decision to repair and reinstate the Cathedral, to work collaboratively together and explore all possible options to find a funding pathway.”*



## 47 Cathedral Square: SOLD!!!

A key factor driving renewed confidence in the area is the confirmed timeline for the Christ Church Cathedral restoration. Construction could begin next year, with completion targeted by the end of 2030.



*“The latest Cathedral plan provides greater certainty for the area and acts as a catalyst for redevelopment,”* says Hamish Doig, MD, Colliers.

## Economists Support (NZIER Report 2024)

The Cathedral is  
expected to attract  
**758,300**  
visitors annually

The Cathedral will host over  
**10000**  
services and events, becoming  
a hub of activity once again.

*The analysis undertaken by the NZIER estimated that a finished project would attract more than \$20 million annually in direct tourist expenditure.*

*Developments in Cathedral Square will also generate significant commercial rates*

There is a narrative of shame and embarrassment around Cathedral Square in the year we open our Stadium.

Mike Hosking, "**Christchurch is what New Zealand can be**"

However, he adds, "The square is a **shame beyond shame** that it remains in the state it's in."

The Stadium is not the last anchor project to be completed, because Cathedral Square remains incomplete.



## Council leadership and commitment is needed now...

- We have a shared problem in Cathedral Square that needs a joint solution.
- The original parties to the reinstatement agreement remain stakeholders of the proposal.
- The adjusted solution requires support at a local level

Council has now consulted on funding to enable the reopening of the Cathedral.

We can unlock the Square for Cantabrians and visitors, deliver on tourism, honour heritage.

A conclusion of the earthquake era.

We can open in time for the 20-year anniversary of that day that changed so many lives and let the bells peal across the Square in time for the Cathedral's 150-year anniversary in 2031.

## Our recommendations to Council

1. We need genuine civic leadership on this critical city problem
2. We agree 100% with the establishment of the proposed Iconic Heritage buildings fund, with the Cathedral being the #1 priority in this group.
3. Council can enable Re:Opening to be achieved, for example by committing:
  - \$10m from Cathedral Square revitalisation funding already budgeted (AP)
  - \$20m from new Iconic Heritage Buildings Fund over 2 further years (AP/ LTP)
  - This will be a catalyst for securing donor, Church & Govt funding



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*Connecting people and place for 28 years*

- Registered charitable trust, bringing together art and industry
- 80%+ of SCAPE's budget is raised from private and in-kind sources every year. This demonstrates strong community investment, engagement, and social impact.
- 5 staff = 3.35 FTE
- Community reach annually includes:
  - 2,700 children & young people engaged in free education programmes
  - 300+ student submissions to the annual SCAPE Aspiring Artists competition
- 270+ artists supported since 1998

## OUR THREE PILLARS

Education & Public Programmes	Temporary Public Artworks	Permanent Public Artworks
Year-round free or low-cost education and public programmes	An annual programme of temporary public art produced in Ōtautahi Christchurch	Permanent artworks produced for and gifted to the city

## OUR LEGACY ARTWORKS



1 **Anton Parsons**  
Passing Time,  
2010–11



2 **Antony Gormley**  
Stay,  
2015–16



3 **Antony Gormley**  
Stay,  
2015–16



4 **Phil Price**  
Nucleus, 2006



5 **Mischa Kuball**  
Solidarity Grid,  
2013–15



6 **Regan Gentry**  
Flour Power,  
2008



7 **Rachael Rakena**  
**Simon Kaan**  
Te Aika, 2021



8 **Kazu Nakagawa**  
Ka Mua Ka Muri,  
2019



9 **Sēmisi Poutauaine**  
VAKA 'A HINA,  
2019



10 **Brett Graham**  
Erratic,  
2023



11 **Julia Morison**  
Treehouses for Swamp  
Dwellers, 2013



12 **Natalie Guy**  
The Pool,  
2019



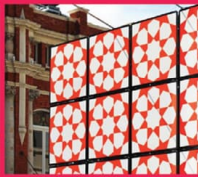
13 **David McCracken**  
Diminish and  
Ascend, 2014



14 **Jon Jeet**  
He Toki Maitai,  
2012



15 **Neil Dawson**  
Fanfare,  
2004–15



16 **Peter Atkins**  
Under Construction  
– Chaos & Order,  
2015–19



17 **Nathan Pōhio**  
Raise the anchor, unfurl the sails, set course to  
the centre of an ever-setting sun! 2015



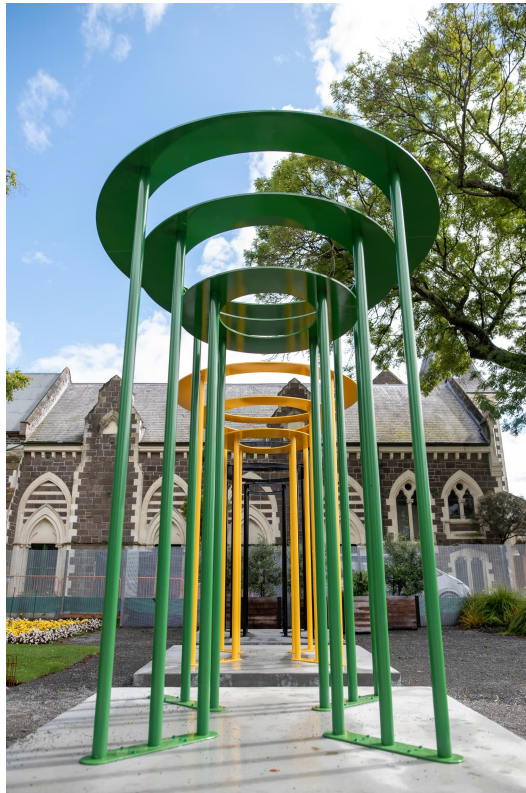
18 **Areta Wilkinson**  
Toro Atua,  
2024



19 **Seung Yul Oh**  
Conduct Cumulus,  
2015–19

## HERE FOR A FUN TIME, NOT A LONG TIME: TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART

**SCAPE**  
**PUBLIC**  
**ART**



- An annual programme of temporary public art produced in Ōtautahi Christchurch
- Temporary artworks, and associated events and activations, draw visitors into the city
- Features professional artists and local fabricators
- Includes a small number of winning designs by children and young people





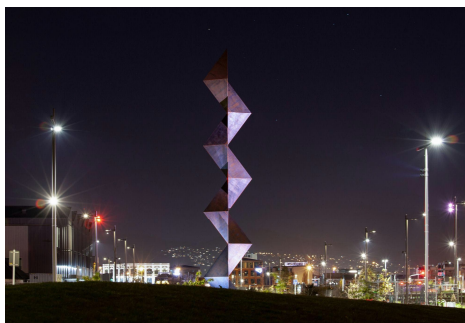
## INSPIRING FUTURE ARTISTS



SCAPE's education programme delivers curriculum-linked art education in schools.



Inspired by the sculpture *Tree Houses for Swamp Dwellers* by Christchurch artist Julia Morison, students from **Te Huarahi / Linwood Avenue School** forage for plants, experiment with natural dyes and create offset patterns.

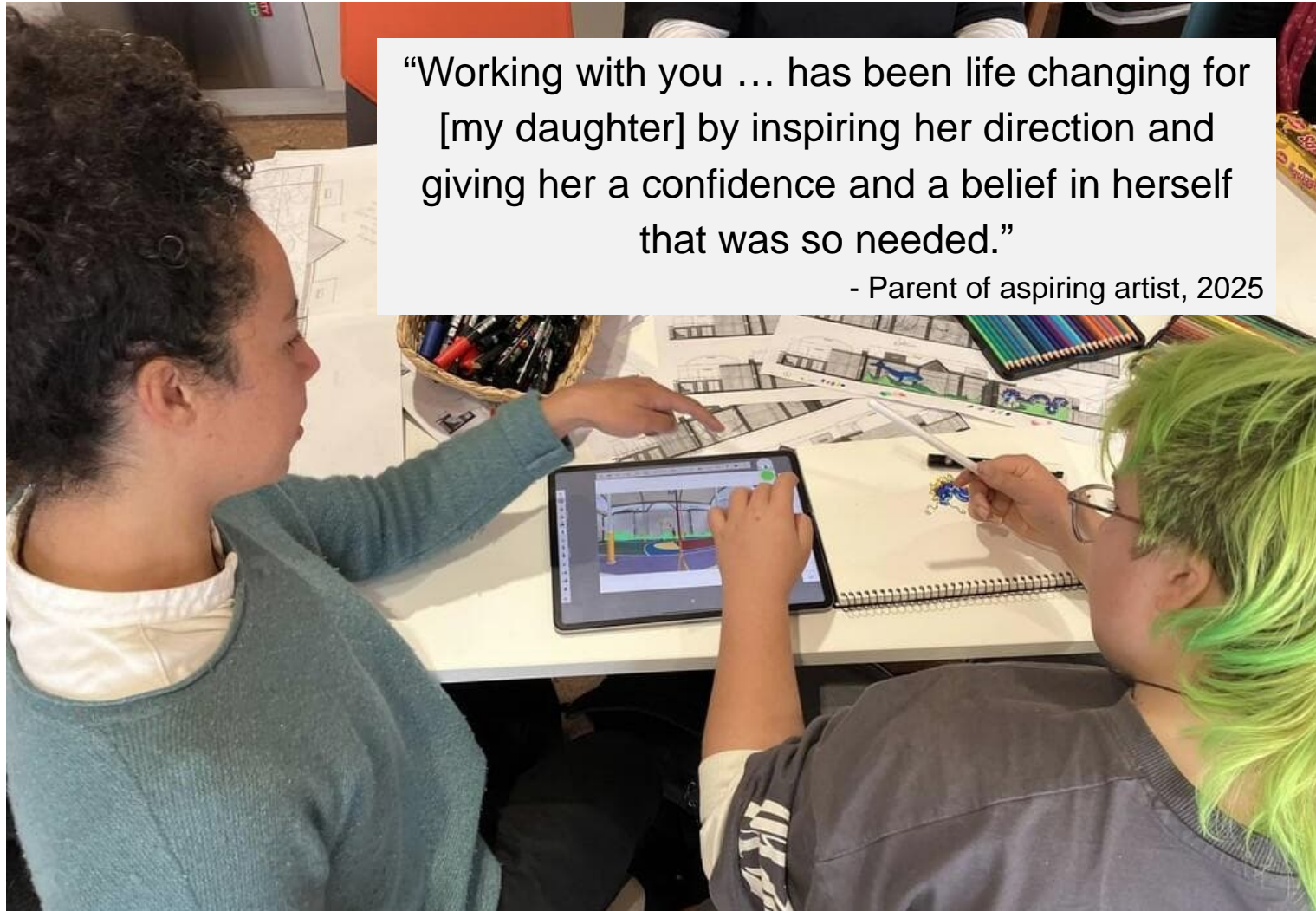


Inspired by the sculpture *VAKA 'A HINA* by Sēmsi Fetokai Potauaine, students create prints in a SCAPE education workshop at Tūranga.

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“Working with you ... has been life changing for [my daughter] by inspiring her direction and giving her a confidence and a belief in herself that was so needed.”

- Parent of aspiring artist, 2025



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## Households closing their wallets as consumer confidence falls

2:57 pm on 27 March 2026



Photo: RNZ

Consumer Confidence falls to 91.3 points from 100.1 in February

A net negative 14 percent of households think it is a good time to make a major purchase

A net 10 percent expect to be better off this time next year, down from last month's net 20 percent

A net negative 20 percent of consumers feel worse off now, down from last month's minus 16 percent

Consumers believe inflation will rise to 5.7 percent in the next two years

Households closing their wallets as consumer confidence fall... <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/business/590810/households-clo...>

The Middle East conflict has torpedoed consumer confidence in March, and early evidence suggests households are closing their wallets.

March's ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence index fell sharply into negative territory at 91.3 points, well below last month's 101.1 points.

Any score under 100 indicates pessimism.

The impact of the Middle Eastern conflict on consumers was immediate, with every metric in the latest survey turning negative.

ANZ said the conflict created significant uncertainty for the economic outlook and was already hitting people in the back pocket.

It said the hit to confidence would likely be negative for growth and it was reasonable to believe that both firms and households would think twice about making spending decisions, in case things went from bad to worse.

Consumers were caught in a perfect storm in March, hit by higher fuel prices and rising mortgage rates.

Chief economist Sharon Zollner said the data was even worse in real time than the headline suggested.

"It's not the full story because we can actually look at it as the month evolved, and in the last week of sampling it was (consumer confidence) under 80," she said.

Zollner said the same pattern had repeated across the Tasman where Australian consumer confidence had "dropped like a stone".

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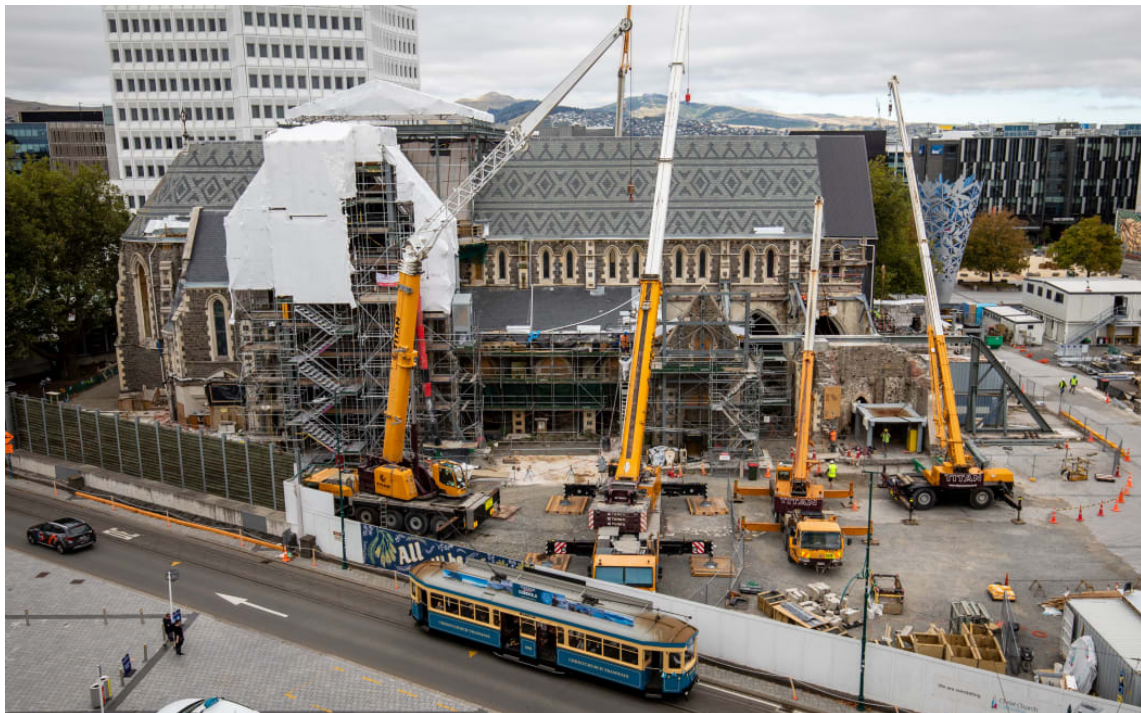
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## Christ Church Cathedral: No more taxpayer funding for rebuild

1:57 pm on 9 August 2024



Finance Minister Nicola Willis has confirmed the government would not step in with any further taxpayer funding. Photo: RNZ / Nate McKinnon

The government will not provide \$60 million in taxpayer funding to bail out the troubled Christ Church Cathedral rebuild, meaning the building is likely to be mothballed.

The Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Project requested the money from the government (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/524107/cathedral-rebuild-needs-government-s-help-mayor>) to help plug an \$85m project shortfall.

Last week, Christchurch mayor Phil Mauger told RNZ central government would need to "come to the party" if the cathedral rebuild was to be completed.

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Earlier this year the Anglican Church warned work on the project could stop, as costs blew out to almost \$250m (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/513625/future-of-christ-church-cathedral-rebuild-at-risk-after-cost-blowout>), leaving a \$114m budget shortfall.

The gap was reduced to \$85m after an agreement to lower seismic strengthening and scrap some elements of the original plan.

Finance Minister Nicola Willis confirmed the government would not step in with any further taxpayer funding.

"The Crown has already provided a significant \$25m fiscal contribution to the reinstatement of the cathedral. We also provided expedited consenting for the project," she said.

"The requested amount of at least \$60m more would have been a significant contribution for a project that is not owned by the public, and where public use would be limited due to the cathedral being a private, religious space."

The government appreciated the progress that Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Ltd and the Christchurch Property Trust had made to date in achieving stabilisation of the cathedral, as well as their efforts to rein in rising costs, Willis said.

"We understand and regret that this may not be the news they were hoping for."

At a Christchurch City Council meeting on Wednesday, Heathcote Ward Councillor Sara Templeton called for the city council to delay the release (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/524441/christ-church-cathedral-rebuild-councillor-calls-for-independent-review-if-further-funding-sought>) of the remaining \$7m of a \$10m grant to project managers.

Mauger was currently in China on a sister cities visit.

Acting mayor Pauline Cotter said the announcement Friday morning that the government would not be contributing any money must be disappointing for Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Limited.

She said this would also have an impact on the square and surrounds, and private investors who had invested in the central city.

Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Limited chairman Mark Stewart said the government's decision was "incredibly sad and disappointing".

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"As a board we need time to consider the implications of the coalition government's decision," he said.

"With the government's decision, the pathway to completion is much longer and mothballing is now likely."

Stewart said the board would meet on 19 August to look and its options - and further announcement will be made that week.

"This week the Christchurch City Council agreed to fulfil its commitment to release \$7 million it had already collected from a targeted rate towards reinstatement. We have asked council to pause this funding until a decision has been made on the pathway to completion.

"This is a sad day for Christchurch. With the final anchor projects now being completed alongside significant private and civic investment, Christchurch is enjoying a wonderful renaissance as a modern and vibrant city. Completing the reinstatement of the city's iconic cathedral in the very heart of the city in Cathedral Square would be a very fitting capstone to this."

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## Heinz Wattie's to proceed with closing factories, discontinuing some products

4:40 pm on 27 March 2026



It will see frozen vegetables be discontinued. (File photo) Photo: Supplied / Heinz Watties

Heinz Wattie's will proceed with plans to close manufacturing sites in Christchurch, Dunedin and Auckland, as well as the frozen packing lines in Hastings.

The closures would affect (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/business/589807/wattie-s-nz-s-proposed-cuts-a-really-big-blow-to-seed-arable-growers>) about 300 roles. But the company said it would phase out sites so some people may be able to be redeployed.

Managing Director, Andrew Donegan, said the decision was necessary to strengthen the business so it could continue to manufacture and sell products in New Zealand.

This would also see a discontinuation of its frozen vegetables, coffee and dips

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businesses.

The announcement followed a formal consultation process.

Donegan said the majority of workers affected were long-term skilled employees. He believed they would be sought-after candidates by other employers.

"Our focus is on supporting those who are affected with redundancy packages, employee counselling, career transition services and redeployment where possible.

"While change is needed, this is an incredibly difficult time for our employees and business."

In Hastings, almost 50 people from the frozen packing lines would be redeployed, the company said.

Wattie's would continue to employ some 1200 people in New Zealand.

E tū delegate union Kathy Perrin had worked at Wattie's for more than 45 years.

"We had a thread of hope. Our members have mortgages, high rents, and live pay cheque to pay cheque. There will be a lot that will be heartbroken. We have over 65s renting, families with babies, and members with health issues. It is devastating."

She welcomed the company's decision to offer seasonal workers redundancy payments above its contractual obligations.

"It is a relief, and it will provide some peace of mind."

In a statement E tū director Finn O'Dwyer-Cunliffe said the closures were part of a wider pattern.

"Multinational companies are making a choice to walk away from New Zealand workers, and a Government with no industrial strategy is letting them do it."

Industry group Buy NZ Made said the closures were a stark reminder that local producers face rising costs, weaker demand and competition with international firms.

Executive Director Dane Ambler said; "Together, these pressures are creating a perfect storm for local manufacturers, many of whom are already operating on tight margins.

"Behind every announcement like this are hundreds of families and communities impacted. These are not isolated events, they reflect broader structural challenges

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facing New Zealand manufacturing."

Ambler said the government needed to support New Zealand goods with deliberate backing.

It could prioritise local suppliers and campaign for consumers to buy more local goods and strengthen local industries.

The company says it will phase out the sale and production of frozen vegetables, Gregg's coffee, and dips sold mainly under the Mediterranean, Just Hummus and Good Taste Company brands.

The sites to close are:

The La Bonne Cuisine factory in Auckland.

Wattie's frozen vegetable factory in Christchurch

Gregg's coffee factory in Dunedin

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## Why economists are 'very worried' about what lies ahead

8:51 am on 28 March 2026

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Economists are warning about possible stagflation. Photo: RNZ / Rebekah Parsons-King

New Zealand could be facing into a period of stagflation, economists are warning.

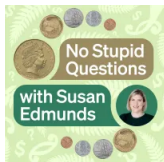
Stagflation describes a situation in which an economy experiences the unpleasant combination of high inflation, high unemployment and stagnant economic growth.

This could happen as a result of the Iran war because higher fuel prices are expected to create higher inflation, while the impact of those cost increases and the wider confidence blow could slow economic growth.

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Mike Jones, chief economist at BNZ, said it was a "stagflationary-type shock" because it had hurt growth prospects and put pressure on people's disposable incomes and business margins at the same time as it pushed up inflation.

"We're also vulnerable given the economy going into this was only starting to find its feet," he said.



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"There are some buffers out there - most notably elevated commodity export prices and a falling NZ dollar - but it's unlikely they will be enough to prevent a decent hit to the economy. I think, at this stage, it's more a case of the recovery being disrupted or paused for a quarter or two, rather than being curtailed. So weaker growth but still growth.

"But there are still many scenarios in play. Much hangs on how long the conflict goes on for."

Gareth Kiernan, chief forecaster at Infometrics, said stagflation was discussed as a prospect three or four years ago but did not happen.

"It was inflation followed by 'we need a recession to rein that back in'.

"I feel like this time is a little bit different because it's a supply shock that is, one, pushing up prices and, two, going to negatively impact growth."

He said businesses had told him they had to pass on cost increases.

"I'm not talking about transport businesses putting up their prices. I'm talking about everybody who is using the transport services then being forced to put up their prices, because we've had an economy where for the last three years, it's gone sideways. And people have been trimming and trimming, and there's nothing left to trim."

He said while the Reserve Bank expected fewer price increases to be passed on because there was less demand, that was not the full picture.

"Sure, there's no demand, but you're going to put your prices up rather than simply just go to the wall because you don't have any money left."

He said even if the situation were resolved immediately, there would be another up to four months of flow-on effects.

"Who knows where oil prices would settle... you wouldn't expect them to probably go

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back to US\$70 a barrel... there's got to be more risk associated with that. But the longer it stretches on, the bigger the impact is in terms of just delaying or preventing the economic recovery.

"It's almost a bit of a repeat of 2025 where we had the tariff situation hit us and knock confidence and therefore knock growth. And this is looking like the same again, except probably worse, to be fair."

But Westpac's chief economist Kelly Eckhold said he still expected some growth in the economy this year - although there was the potential for that to change.

"In the forecast update that we put out a couple of days ago, that assumed that things were going to get better within a month. If that doesn't happen then things get darker quite quickly. Confidence levels about forecasts are quite low right now because there's a lot of things we don't know.

"You can't discount the possibility [of less economic growth]. The only thing is that we are coming from a starting point where we were expecting a pretty solid year. So we've got further to fall before you get into that genuinely negative growth environment that we experienced back in 2024."

The big concern was how long the conflict lasted, he said.

"We have to keep in mind that significant damage has already been done and it won't be fixed quickly. There may also be risk premia built into concerns about fuel availability, prices... I'm very worried. I think this is a very, very serious situation."

He said the lower exchange rate would make the price of imported goods higher, and make travel overseas more expensive for New Zealanders. But it was a positive for exporters.

"Nobody in New Zealand can protect us from the loss of standard of living that has come from this shock. The government can't buy our way out of this. They can smooth the edges off for the most vulnerable. But in the end, it's just a cost that is going to sheet home to us.

"The way out of this is by having the external sector ultimately be able to export our way out of this. And a lower exchange rate is part of the adjustment that facilitates that to occur."

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## New Zealanders' 30% fuel bill increase laid bare

7:26 pm on 2 April 2026



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New data from the country's biggest bank shows the impact of the start of the fuel price rise on New Zealanders' spending.

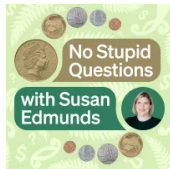
Card spending at fuel stations jumped almost 30 percent in March, or 20.6 percent when seasonally adjusted.

Chief economist Sharon Zollner said, using Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment fuel price data, it seemed that almost all of the increase was due to prices, not volumes.

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"Fuel volumes actually went up a little bit despite the cost increase because there's been lots of stories about people making sure that their car is full and farmers filling up their utes and whatnot, just in case.

"That would have been offset by people probably driving less because the cost of driving has increased but that netted out to a small volume increase."



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Infometrics chief forecaster Gareth Kiernan said it did seem that people were stocking up because they were worried fuel could be more expensive if they did not buy it now, or because they were worried about the security of supply.

"Now they've fuelled up as much as possible, they're probably responding by cutting back in terms of their driving behaviour and fuel use as much as possible."

Spending on public transport was up 14.2 percent.

Spending at car and truck dealers lifted 14.8 percent as EV sales lifted sharply. There were 2890 full battery electric vehicles registered last month, the single biggest since the end of the clean car discount (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/business/591304/ev-fomo-drives-sales-to-their-highest-level-in-years-amid-fuel-crisis-dealer-says>) and four times the number of March last year.

But there were signs that people might have been shifting their spending - spending at fast food, cafes, restaurants and bars dropped in the month.

"Some people have a buffer that they can use to smooth things out but quite a lot of people don't and so if they're having to have to drive and they have to fill up the car then it leaves less money over for other things and so it looks like hospitality took a bit of a hit.

"With only one month of data you've got to be a little bit cautious because these things do bounce around a bit month to month but it was pretty consistent across bars, cafes and restaurants and fast food. It all saw a drop in the month so I suspect that's not coincidence."

Secondhand shop spending also dropped, which Zollner said might reflect the impact of fuel prices on lower-income households.

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## Fuel crisis the priority, not style guides, Judith Collins tells ACT

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Public Service Minister Judith Collins. Photo: VNP/Louis Collins

Public Service Minister Judith Collins has shrugged off pressure from coalition partner ACT over the government's English-first policy, suggesting the matter is not a key priority.

"To be frank, right at the moment, my concern is fuel," she told RNZ. "That's my big focus. I'm not too worried about everything else."

NZ First minister Shane Jones echoed Collins' message on Tuesday, describing ACT's concerns as "trivial", but his leader Winston Peters disagreed and said public sector leaders should be "called to account".

ACT MP Todd Stephenson wrote to Collins ([https://assets.nationbuilder.com/actnz/pages/32609/attachments/original/1774560243/Stephenson\\_Letter\\_to\\_Collins\\_on\\_Public\\_Service\\_Brand.pdf](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/actnz/pages/32609/attachments/original/1774560243/Stephenson_Letter_to_Collins_on_Public_Service_Brand.pdf))

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1774560243) a fortnight ago warning of "growing concern" that coalition commitments (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/505103/act-nz-first-hesitant-to-criticise-national-over-kainga-ora-name>) were not being "visibly implemented" across the public service.

He pointed to the Public Service Commission style guidelines which still displayed the te reo Māori phrase "Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa" in bold above the English "New Zealand Government".

Speaking at Parliament on Tuesday, Collins said she had responded with a "very nice" letter ([https://assets.nationbuilder.com/actnz/pages/32610/attachments/original/1774560593/Todd\\_Stephenson\\_MP\\_25\\_March\\_2026.pdf?1774560593](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/actnz/pages/32610/attachments/original/1774560593/Todd_Stephenson_MP_25_March_2026.pdf?1774560593)) noting that changes would be handled on a "case-by-case basis", with cost front of mind.

She said she was sure the commission would issue new guidance to departments "at some stage", but its focus - like hers - was on the current fuel crisis.

"You've just got to [prioritise]... what's going to make the boat go faster, and it's possibly not style guides."

Collins said she did not want agencies spending significant time or money on rebranding and expected any updates to be done as cheaply as possible.

In her letter to Stephenson, she said she had instructed officials to advise her on the potential costs and timeframe for reviewing the guidelines.

She noted that public agencies and Crown entities had recently been reminded "to be mindful of the fiscal environment, to minimise unnecessary expenditure associated with rebranding, and to learn from other agencies' experiences to avoid undue costs".

In a separate statement, Stephenson said the update would not be a significant change but would set an example for the wider public service.

"ACT does not support costly rebrands involving consultants or flash new signage and stationery. But Brooke van Velden delivered a digital-first rebrand at the Department of Internal Affairs for just \$741. The Public Service Commission could follow her example."



ACT MP Todd Stephenson. Photo: VNP / Phil Smith

### Mixed messages from NZ First on English-first directive

The English-first directive was won by NZ First during its coalition negotiations with the National Party in 2023. The eventual coalition agreement stated that all public service departments - excluding those specifically related to Māori - would have their primary name in English and communicate primarily in English.

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Speaking on Tuesday afternoon, NZ First leader Winston Peters said the public service had been too slow to take that instruction on board.

"They were given a coalition agreement after the last election. Rather than read it, they decided to carry on their own way, and they're going to be called to account very shortly," Peters said.

"If I was in charge of that department, I'd be calling them in."

Asked why the ACT Party was leading the charge on a NZ First commitment, Peters said: "Imitation's the most sincere form of flattery."

Senior NZ First MP Shane Jones, however, took a different position from his leader, describing ACT's complaints as "trivial".

Jones, who's the minister responsible for fuel security, told RNZ he wanted the public service focused right now on "fuel first, not ACT first".

"I don't mind about these trivial matters that the ACT Party's going on about."

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## Palmerston North council forking out an extra \$2500 daily for fuel

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Fuel prices are increasing and the cost of unleaded 91 is expected to reach \$3.80. Photo: LDR

Palmerston North's council is facing "the same upward pressure on prices that households and business are" as it spends an extra \$2500 per day on fuel costs, the city's mayor says.

With little relief in the Middle East in sight and a growing cost-of-living crisis, many across the community are left wondering where this additional \$2500 a day is coming from, and how much this daily figure may grow in the coming weeks.

Mayor Grant Smith said council's focus was on "readiness and continuity" but the continuous rise in fuel prices meant council budgets, supply chains and access to contractors and materials "are expected to be impacted".

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Palmerston North mayor Grant Smith says fuel prices increases will impact council services but staff will remain focused on "readiness and continuity". Photo: LDR

Councils across Central Districts were asked how recent government announcements and the constant uptake in fuel prices were impacting council business and decision-making.

Smith said Palmerston North was "monitoring" the situation and keeping a close eye on the government's revised National Fuel Plan and the financial boost which some families were set to receive from April 1.

Tararua's mayor Scott Gilmore said planning was in place to ensure council and community were prepared, but the "increasing fuel costs are starting to impact everyone, including council's operations".

"We know many households are still feeling the strain as costs across the board remain high, and no single measure will fully offset that."

If phase two of the Government's national plan, which focused on supply and demand issues, were enforced Gilmore said Tararua council's "priority will be affordability and maintaining essential services".

Tararua mayor Scott Gilmore says the surging costs will impact households and services across the region. Photo: LDR

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Aotearoa remains at phase one of the security plan, meaning the current focus was on transparency and preparation relating to fuel quantity and price.

The latest official update from the Ministry for Business, (<https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360959109/nz-fuel-update-fuel-stocks-decrease-slightly-remained-within-expectations>) Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on Wednesday outlined that Aotearoa is estimated to have 58.7 days of petrol available but only around 29.3 days were currently in the country.

According to the 'fuel clock' maintained by the New Zealand Taxpayers Union, (<https://www.fuelclock.nz/>) there was currently 24 days of fuel in reserves, with around 21 days of fuel confirmed in the motū and roughly five days worth of fuel on its way.

All council services were currently "running as normal" and council staff were said to be making "practical changes" like reducing non-essential travel and encouraging car-pooling to save on fuel, Gilmore said.

The clear focus for councils across Central Districts appeared to be keeping costs down and remaining mindful of how rising fuel prices were impacting households and business.

From April 1, around 143,000 working families qualify for \$50 a week from the fuel-specific government fund, and roughly 14,000 families are eligible to receive a smaller weekly sum.

The cost of diesel now surpasses petrol as seen at this fuel station in Ashhurst, Manawatū. Photo: Rebecca Hogan/LDR

Manawatū District Council would continue to "manage operational costs and support our communities within the scope of our role", chief executive Shayne Harris said.

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Meanwhile, Rangitikei District Council's chief executive Carol Gordon said its executive leadership team had begun assessing "fuel-related risks and scenarios" and was working to produce an organisational response plan with "urgency".

Horowhenua District Council remained focused on keeping council expenses down, and like Tararua and Palmerston North councils, it was in close contact with local Civil Defence teams.

Central Districts were not aware of any fuel shortages, but all councils encouraged the community to be conscious about fuel usage and to consider measures such as car-pooling and working from home where possible.

Diesel was now on average more expensive than 91 octane petrol, something which was rare and potentially comprising for Aotearoa's drivers due to the additional road user charges that those purchasing diesel pay.

Instability through the Strait of Hormuz remains high due to the ongoing conflict, leaving this key route highly dangerous for vessels transporting fuel and forcing prices up.

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## Tararua shrinks rates rise from 11.84 percent to 4.83 percent

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Pahiatua Library and Town Hall pictured in 2024. Photo: Warwick Smith / LDR

Tararua residents can expect a far lesser rates increase than predicted from their council's 2026/27 Annual Budget.

Bringing the average rates increase down from 11.84 percent to 4.83 percent hadn't "happened by accident", Tararua Mayor Scott Gilmore said.

"We know any increase is challenging, but we have done everything we can to keep it as low as possible while still maintaining the services our communities rely on."

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The council's Annual Budget was endorsed on Wednesday and was set to be adopted in May, with a clear focus on affordability for the population of around 20,000 people in the district.



Council did not undergo formal consultation on this year's budget, with Gilmore saying such an approach reflected a "conscious decision" from council to focus on financial discipline.

The 4.83 percent figure was an average increase and individual rates and property factors meant some ratepayers would see their total higher or lower than this figure.

Tararua District Council chief executive Corin Haines said: "We've significantly reduced our operating costs and taken a practical approach to how we manage our assets and services."



Mayor Scott Gilmore pictured after having been officially sworn in as Tararua Mayor in October 2025. Photo: Adele Rycroft / LDR

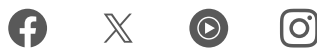
The budget was described by Haines as disciplined and focused on "getting the basics right" for essentials across the community, rather than introducing new projects or making major changes.

The community was encouraged to engage early in the council's upcoming talks on its Long Term Plan (LTP).

Mayor Gilmore said the LTP was where "bigger conversations" were had which could sometimes "be difficult" but were necessary for such community-centred planning.

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## Local markets provide cheaper options as people have to choose between fuel or food

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Vegetable stalls at Otago markets. Photo: RNZ/Luka Forman

With the war in Iran pushing up the cost of everyday goods, some New Zealanders are having to choose between putting fuel in their car or putting good quality food on the table.

Some are choosing to buy cheaper meat or fruit and veges, catching the bus instead of driving or picking up overtime at their jobs to get by.

RNZ visited two of South Auckland's weekend markets to find out how people are coping.

### Difficult choices

At the Otago markets, you can find some great deals on fresh fruit and vegetables and mouthwatering food stalls.

People were taking advantage of cheaper prices for produce - but many were still struggling.

Local woman Miriama said the rising cost of food and fuel had left her with some difficult choices.

"Have you got enough gas in the car to go to work? Or do you cut back on the meat you have? And then when you're going to buy mince that's so expensive, and that was like a staple which is no longer a staple anymore."

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"Then you come to the markets to try and find your vegetables or things you can't afford to go to go to the grocery store for, and even Pak'nSave isn't enough anymore. I would say it's pretty abysmal."

Food prices have jumped up 4.5 percent in the year to February, with some items like beef mince and sirloin steak up more than 20 percent.

South Auckland man George at Otara markets.

South Auckland man George at Otara markets. Photo: RNZ/Luka Forman

George, who worked as a glazier, had been picking up overtime in the early hours to get by.

"I start at 2'oclock this morning, finished at 8, just come down to the market to get some food. I'm doing nine hour shifts a day but they want OT eh? Might as well grab it while it's there."

The government's policies were not helping people like him with the cost of living, he said.

"Especially working class, that's why I come here to get my veges bro it's cheaper. Supermarket's a ripoff too."

Alot of the blame lay at the feet of President Trump, he said.

"It all starts from him, with the fuel and all that, with Iran and all that. He shouldn't get involved with them, just let them do their business."

### **Catching the bus**

Over at the Mangere market, solo mum Doreen said she had started catching the bus with her three children because of the cost of petrol.

"I live in Otahuhu at the moment and have to travel to Mangere to school. \$3 something a litre? I've already ran out three times!"

The government's \$50 per week support package to help some families with the cost of fuel was not enough, she said.

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"Per child yeah that'd be great. But for a family, that's just bugger-all really."

South Auckland woman Doreen with her son at Mangere markets.

South Auckland woman Doreen with her son at Mangere markets. Photo: RNZ/Luka Forman

So what were people's best tips to save money in tough economic times?

"Stay home!" Doreen laughed.

"If you have any money, my best tip is whenever you get coins just try to stick the coins away because they do add up", Miriama said.

Back in Otara, George was just taking things one day at a time.

"We just got to survive mate. Nothing else than that. As long as you can wake up in the morning and go to work."

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## Wellingtonians face average \$2400 water bill next year, massive increases to follow

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Tiaki Wai is replacing Wellington Water and inheriting the region's assets - managing and providing drinking water, wastewater, and piped stormwater services from July. Photo: RNZ / Samuel Rillstone

Wellingtonians will face "really steep" increases in their water bills over the next decade, to as high as \$6831 a year, as the city's new water entity (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/585759/what-you-need-to-know-about-tiaki-wai-the-entity-replacing-wellington-water>) tries to fix old, failing infrastructure (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/587003/watermain-breakage-leaves-lower-hutt-streets-flooded>), its chairman says.

That would start with an average increase in water charges of 14.7 percent, or an extra \$310 this year, with charges possibly increasing by 28 percent in 2027-2028, and more than doubling by 2036.

Those living in Wellington City, Porirua, Hutt City, and Upper Hutt have been paying an average of \$2100 a year for water through council rates. From July, they will receive separate quarterly water bills, and would have to set up new payments to Tiaki Wai.

Put another way, an average household across the region's four cities - Wellington, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua - was set to pay about \$2418 per year this coming year, and pay \$6831 (with inflation) by 2036.

Releasing the indicative charges in its water services strategy on Wednesday, Tiaki Wai board chairman Will Peet said he

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knew the price rises would be unpopular under cost-of-living pressures, but the topic needed to be addressed (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/574762/wellington-water-tender-exposes-unsustainable-deficiencies>) now.

"We're conscious that everyone's been facing rising costs over the past few years, and that any increase is challenging for people," Peet said.

"And I think, also for me, It's taken 30 years to get to this position, and it will take more than five minutes to fix."

Tiaki Wai was replacing Wellington Water and inheriting the region's assets - managing and providing drinking water, wastewater, and piped stormwater services from July.

Peet said this year the exact amount of bills would vary from city to city and property to property, in the same way rates varied.

For example, Porirua residents would pay an average increase of \$368 per year for water charges, Lower Hutt residents an extra \$349, Upper Hutt residents an extra \$278 and Wellington residents an extra \$275.

The four councils' rating model was being transferred to Tiaki Wai for the first year's bills, but over time, the organisation would move to a common pricing model.

Peet said he wanted to be upfront with residents about what costs would look like, and to ask them for feedback on the organisation's strategy.

"That said, these are still really steep increases and I know you'll see some of that from other water authorities around the country, but these are significant increases."

He said no one would have their water turned off if they were struggling to pay a bill.

Wellingtonians are facing "really steep" increases in their water bills. Photo: RNZ / Nate McKinnon

According to its strategy document, Tiaki Wai had a hardship policy, including issuing reminder notices and contacting external debt collecting agencies if necessary, but Peet said debt collecting was not what the organisation was considering right now.



Chair of Tiaki Wai Will Peet. Photo: Supplied / Tiaki Wai

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#### 'Hard decisions' needed

Peet was blunt about the challenges for the organisation, saying it would take many years to catch up with decades of underinvestment.

"Infrastructure everywhere, you can't keep on kicking the can down the road otherwise it comes back to bite you," he said.

"We have been deferring expenditure in water for a long time, and it's not my place to determine past decisions, what I can tell you now is that we need to make the hard decision and start to invest."

The strategy document noted many critical assets were in a poor condition, too old and presenting a "significant risk of failure", including that three out of four wastewater treatment plants were non-compliant, with problems going back many years.

Wastewater networks were overflowing and stormwater systems were regularly contributed to flooding and pollution, it said.

Added to this was the organisation's financial position - Tiaki Wai needed more money to operate, Peet said.

The organisation would take over \$9 billion of water assets and around \$1.7b of debt from the councils, but the amount of revenue being collected by councils - about \$385 million in 2025-2026 - had not been enough to meet the long term cost for water services.

One of the organisation's main priorities from July is to fix the Moa Point Treatment Plant. Photo: RNZ / Samuel Rillstone

One of the organisation's main priorities from July was to fix the Moa Point Treatment Plant, Peet said, which was still spewing raw sewage into the sea (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/590188/moa-point-report-reveals-air-bubble-may-have-caused-massive-failure>) after a catastrophic failure in February.

Peet would not comment on if there was a plan to stop that, and said it was a "bit early to say" how much it would take to fix the plant, referring those questions to current owner Wellington City Council.

"We'll be working really closely with Wellington City, as they work through the Moa Point issue. I live near the South Coast myself, I know what an impact it's having, we all know we need to do the right fix, at the right time to make sure it stops."

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He would also not comment on any current suppliers operating the plants, including Veolia.

The organisation had been set some strict targets by Wellington regions' mayors and mana whenua partners, including that it would not receive any abatement notices, fines, or prosecutions from Greater Wellington Regional Council for non-compliant plants.

Peet said it was the right target to aim for, but with long-standing infrastructure issues, it would not happen in first year.

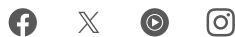
"We won't be meeting those in the initial stages, because Wellington Water is not meeting them.

"What happens on the 30 June, will be pretty much what happens on 1st July - that said I think it's an entirely reasonable expectation that the people of Wellington, through the partner's committee, should set us some aspirational goals to improve things."

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## New Zealand is expensive, Reserve Bank economist says - here's what we can do about it

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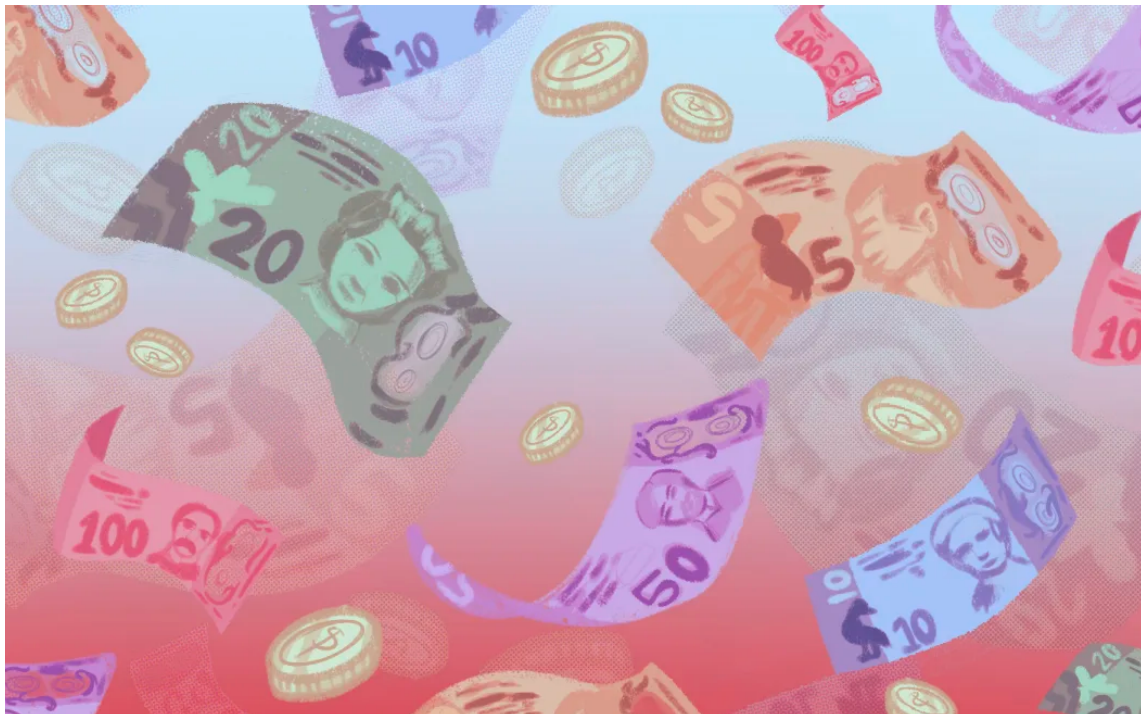


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New Zealand is an expensive country, Reserve Bank chief economist Paul Conway says, with many products priced well above the OECD average.

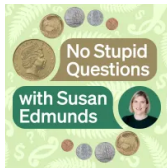
And some things - such as construction services (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/business/590532/it-s-going-to-get-messy-construction-costs-to-jump>), household utilities and some food items - are among the most expensive in the OECD.

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Conway spoke to the National Financial Advisers Conference in Auckland on Wednesday.

He said inflation had been one of the most obvious economic disruptions over the past few years, particularly over the pandemic, when demand combined with a lack of supply sent inflation soaring at the sharpest rate in decades.

He said people were still asking why everything felt so expensive, even though inflation was much nearer the Reserve Bank's targets than it had been.



25 March 2026

If the squeeze goes on diesel prices, who ends up paying for it?

+ Queue

Conway said, since the start of the pandemic, overall prices had risen by 26 percent and the price of some essentials had increased much more.



Reserve Bank chief economist Paul Conway Photo: Supplied

Wages rose 32 percent but that increase was probably not evenly felt - people who moved jobs were more likely to have received larger wage increases.

Conway said that for the past five years, one or more of a range of everyday household

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essentials that were hard to avoid had been increasing strongly in price at almost every point. "That included prices for council rates, construction services, some foods - including meat and butter, and insurance.

"Because households cannot easily avoid some of these costs, this has no doubt added to the sense of a 'cost-of-living crisis'."



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Rates, insurance and gas had jumped particularly in recent years.

Tobacco products were among the most expensive in the OECD and milk, cheese, eggs and fruit prices were well above the average. Seafood, clothing, and meat were slightly below average.

"For services, the price of construction in New Zealand is the highest in the OECD and more than double the average. This is undoubtedly a handbrake on housing and infrastructure development here. In fact, the price of 'capital formation' - which covers machinery, equipment and construction - is 70 percent above average in New Zealand and also the highest in the OECD. The price of housing services and utilities in New Zealand is also assessed as being the most expensive in the OECD."

He said low and stable inflation mattered for the cost of living but it was not the whole story.

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The price of construction in New Zealand is the highest in the OECD and more than double the average. Photo: Supplied/ Unsplash - Josh Olalde

Monetary policy - such as the official cash rate set by the Reserve Bank - could help to anchor prices but not make New Zealand affordable on its own. He acknowledged that inflation ended 2025 just above the Reserve Bank's 1 percent to 3 percent target band and was likely to be more elevated because of the Middle East conflict.

He said what mattered for households was their purchasing power.

Before 2020, the purchasing power of wages in New Zealand was growing faster than the OECD average on the back of strong employment growth and favourable terms of trade.

"Today, while wage purchasing power is around average across all 38 OECD members countries, it is about 20 percent below the average of the more advanced OECD economies that we typically compare ourselves to."

### **Productivity the key**

For there to be continued sustained improvements in purchasing power, there would have to be more productivity, he said.

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"Ultimately productivity growth is a wonderful thing for an economy to experience and it translates into higher wages and lower prices... fundamental to the cost of living being a bit challenging in New Zealand is poor long-run productivity performance ... it's true that we have had some improvements in the purchasing power of New Zealand incomes by more New Zealanders getting absorbed into the labour market.

"We've also had strong gains in the terms of trade for some time, decades ... up until the pandemic they were more than offsetting the effect of New Zealand's relatively poor productivity performance on the purchasing power of Kiwi incomes. But there are limits to that as a business model and improving the cost of living or improving purchasing power is about improving productivity."

Real per capita income in New Zealand was below the OECD average, he noted. It had been about 80 percent of the average until the mid-2000s then increased to more than 95 percent by 2020.

"Since 2020, real income in New Zealand has fallen back to around 90 percent of the OECD average and the income gap vis-à-vis Australia has widened. Purchasing power, as measured by real income, has not kept pace with the rest of the OECD nor Australia since the beginning of the pandemic."

Wages had declined less compared to the OECD average and were at best average, he said.

"Importantly, this is compared to all 38 current OECD member countries, which includes several emerging economies. Compared to the 30 OECD member countries in 2010, average incomes in New Zealand sit around 20 percent below the average."

He said productivity growth would be the single most powerful determinant of higher real incomes and better purchasing power over the long run.

"New Zealand's productivity performance leaves much to be desired and has lagged other OECD economies. Further, productivity growth in the New Zealand economy fell significantly following the global financial crisis and has been negative in the wake of the pandemic.

"While low and stable inflation is a key ingredient in lifting productivity and improving purchasing power, it is insufficient on its own. By anchoring prices, monetary policy creates the conditions for growth. But sustained gains in purchasing power require structural improvements in the economy."

The conflict in the Middle East is a timely reminder of how quickly geopolitics can disrupt the global economy, Reserve Bank chief economist Paul Conway says. Photo: AFP / Atta Kenare

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### Measures to improve resilience

He said a more fragmented and unpredictable global economy would raise the stakes for ensuring New Zealand's structural policies were resilient, adaptive and fit for purpose.

"We are in a new era of heightened geopolitical risk and persistent uncertainty, with the conflict in the Middle East a timely reminder of how quickly geopolitics can disrupt the global economy. At the same time, cross-country flows of trade, capital, and people are shifting, governments are becoming more interventionist, and the rules-based order that once underpinned global integration has weakened considerably.

"This is not a temporary shock that we can simply wait out. It's a durable shift that makes the global economy more difficult and dangerous for small economies like New Zealand. We are more exposed to external shocks, fragile global supply chains, and shifts in global rules and norms over which we have little control."

He said sustaining living standards would depend on structural policy settings that built resilience into the structure of the economy by encouraging flexibility, investment and adaptation.

"A more resilient and flexible economy would mean monetary policy does not have to

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work as hard, or be as aggressive, to stabilise inflation as shocks wash through the economy.

"While monetary policy plays a critical role in responding to shocks, it cannot solve New Zealand's 'cost-of-living crisis'. Low and stable inflation underpins economic stability and is critical for sustained gains in purchasing power. But monetary policy does not create prosperity directly. It creates the conditions in which prosperity can endure.

"Improving the purchasing power of New Zealand households requires improved productivity. Productivity gains support stronger real wage growth, while competitive markets help keep price increases in check... stronger productivity raises the economy's speed limit - allowing faster growth without inflation. A more resilient and flexible economy also means monetary policy doesn't need to be as aggressive to keep inflation stable when shocks hit."

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**Speaker:** Richard Barnacle

**Date:** Thursday 9 April 2026 at 4:10 PM









# Vibrancy Reforms

The NSW Government's vision for the state's 24-hour economy is to cement NSW as a world class nightlife destination for visitors, locals and workers alike.

The NSW Government is committed to enhancing vibrancy in NSW by creating an environment for venues and artists to flourish, simplifying the regulation of entertainment noise, removing red tape for local councils to host special events, supporting outdoor activation, modernising the liquor licensing system, and encouraging a vibrant night-time economy that doesn't come at the expense of safety.



## Areas of change

[Expand all](#) [Collapse all](#)

- Reform of noise and sound rules
- Live music incentives
- More flexibility for outdoor dining, street activation and events
- Streamlined licensing
- Enhanced Special Entertainment Precinct framework

## Changes still to come

Coming in 2026



[Home](#) > [Services](#) > [Arts and culture - Ara Toi](#) > [Ōtepoti Live Music Action Plan](#)

Last updated: 23 Feb 2026 2:28pm

Adopted by Council in August 2023, the Ōtepoti Live Music Action Plan is a strategic framework designed to support sustainable creative practices and development of artists, audiences, the live music eco-system, and live music infrastructure in Ōtepoti Dunedin.

This strategic document is accompanied by an Implementation Plan which contains a suite of actions for Dunedin City Council to lead out. This was developed in collaboration with local music communities and will be reviewed and updated as actions are carried out and priorities for live music in the city evolve.

One of these actions was the establishment of a Music Advisory Panel to advise and support Council in its implementation of the Ōtepoti Live Music Action Plan (see Terms of Reference below). The panel comprises community representatives and elected officials who bring their experience, knowledge, and passion for live music to the table. The current members of the panel are:



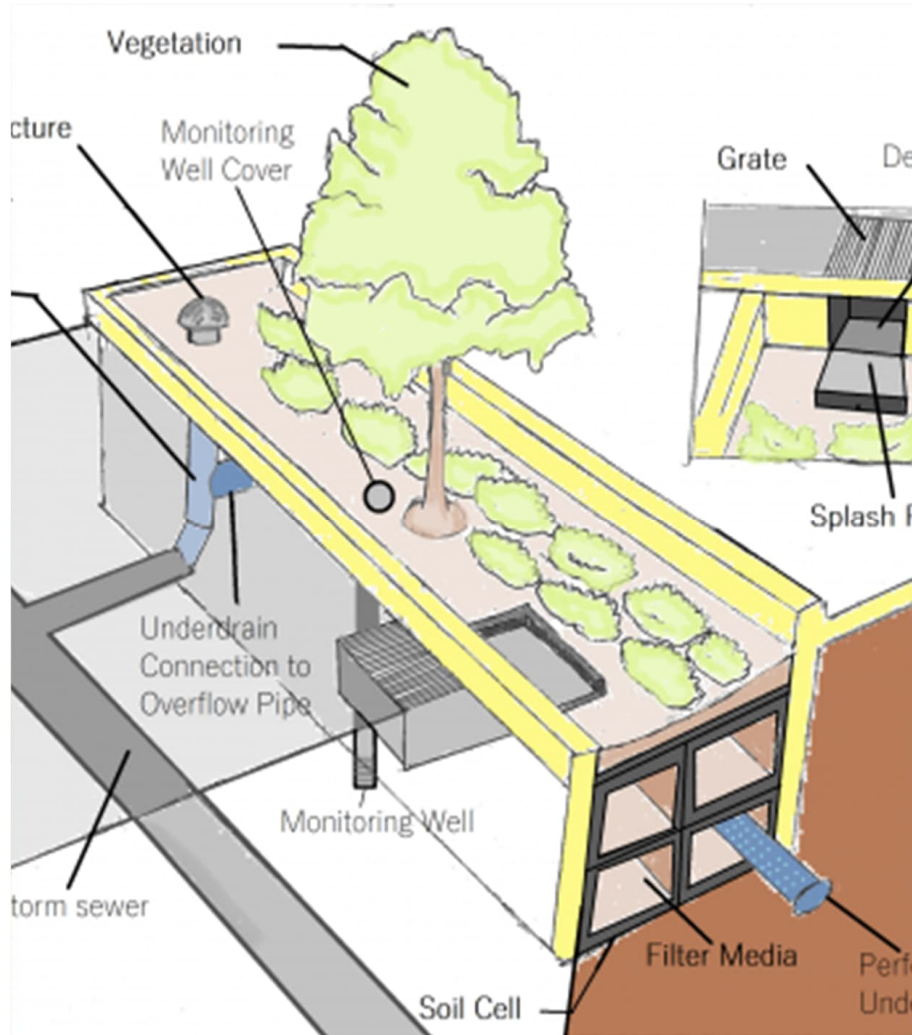
# Submission to Christchurch City Council

Kevin Lamb



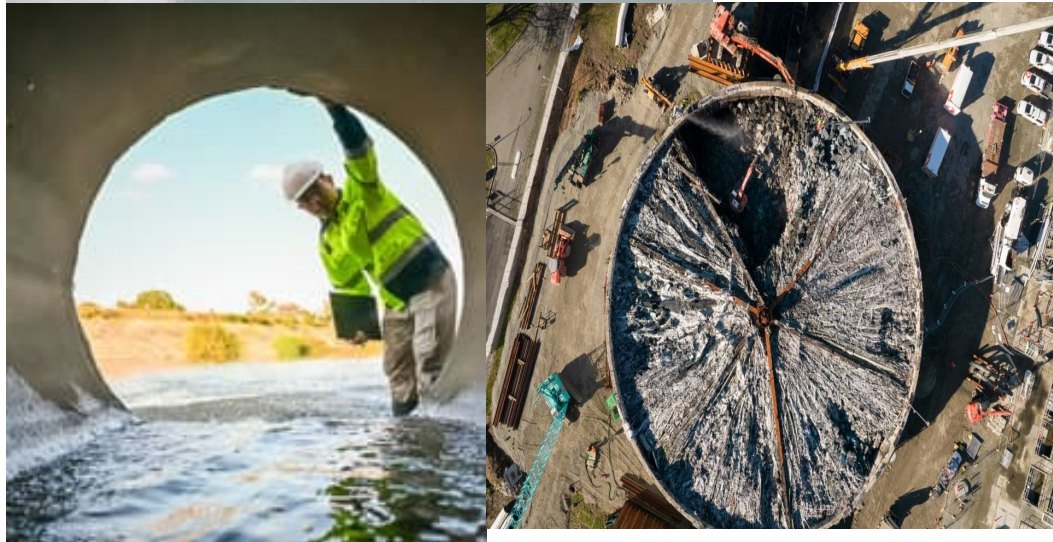
## Water supply

1. Water meters
2. Reduced consumption
3. Water leaks
4. Introduce uniform charge
5. Current system “wealth tax”



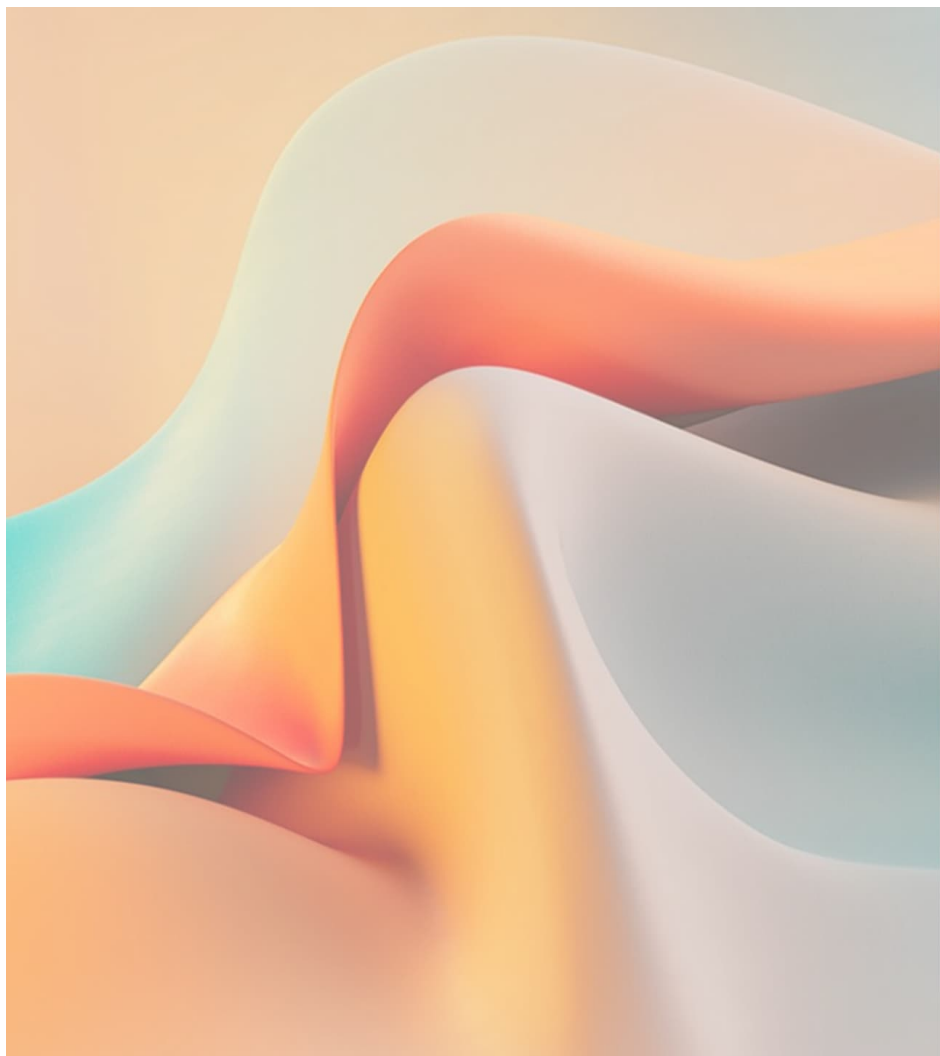
## Land drainage

1. Central government not paying land drainage rates



## Uniform Annual General Charge

1. Move to Uniform charges
  1. Water
  2. Sewer
  3. Urban stormwater



## Land Information Memorandums

1. Increased cost to provide property file
2. Annual surplus of \$1 million not explained



## Council Controlled Organisations

Enable Networks

Only council in NZ with this  
service

Sell company

City Care Ltd

Sell company



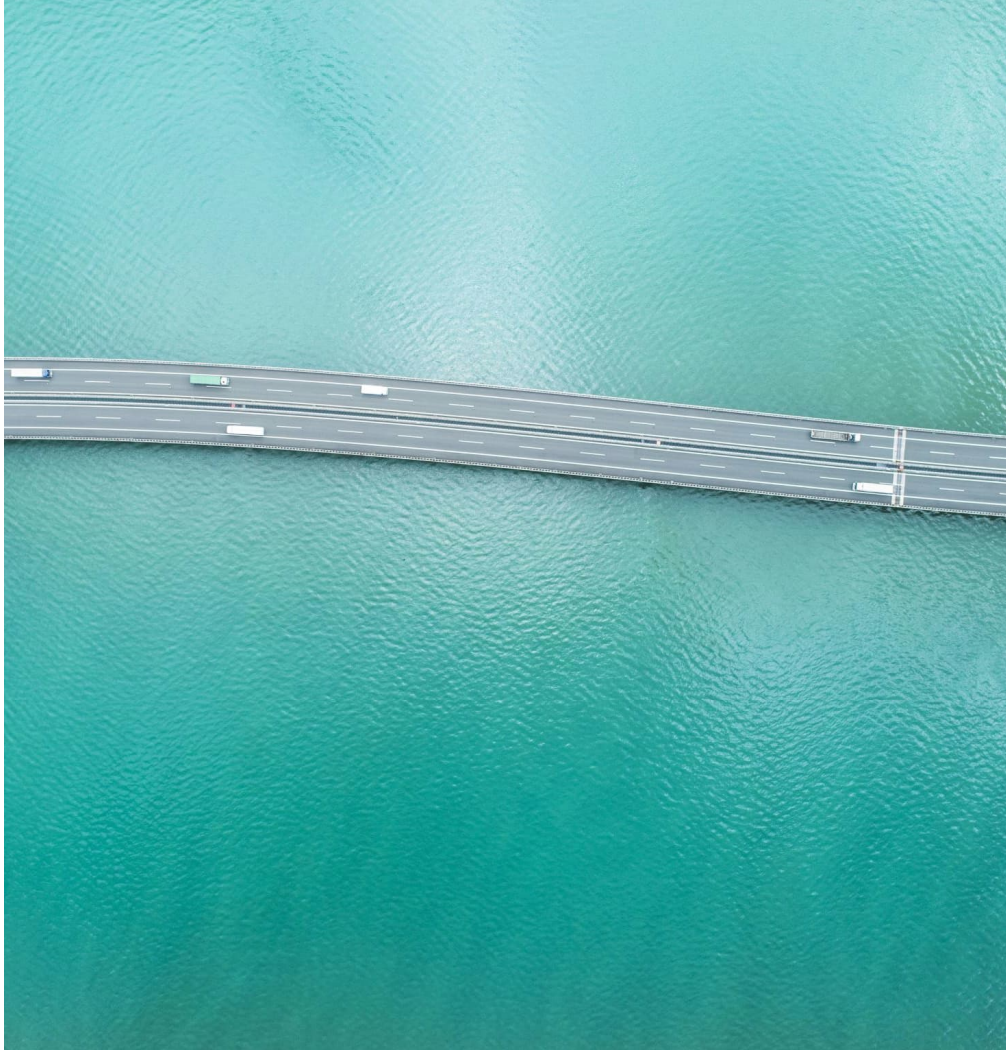
## Tourist Information Centre

Provide temporary facility in  
Library



## Transfer functions to central government

1. Animal control
  1. National Dog Database
2. Social Housing
  1. Transfer all social housing to central government



**Thank you**



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# Public Monthly Meeting

2pm - Sunday 29th March  
Hornby Club, Carmen Road  
All Hornby Residents Welcome to Attend



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**Guest Speaker: Councillor Sam McDonald**  
CCC Finance & Performance Committee Chairperson  
**Discussing the City Council's 2026 Annual Plan**

email: [ghra.info@hornby.org.nz](mailto:ghra.info@hornby.org.nz) or website: <https://hornby.org.nz>



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A poster for a St Patrick's Day Disco. The background is a dark green diamond pattern. The text 'St Patrick's Day Disco' is in large, light green, outlined letters. To the right is a green shamrock. Below the title, it says '6pm-8pm Fri 20th March' in yellow, 'South Hornby School' and '35 Amyes Rd, Hornby' in white. A cartoon leprechaun in a green suit and hat is on the left. Below him is a gold coin with a shamrock. The text 'DRESS IN GREEN' is in large, bold, light green letters. At the bottom, it says '\$3 Entry Per Child' in yellow and 'Includes Free sausage' in orange. A rainbow is in the bottom right corner.



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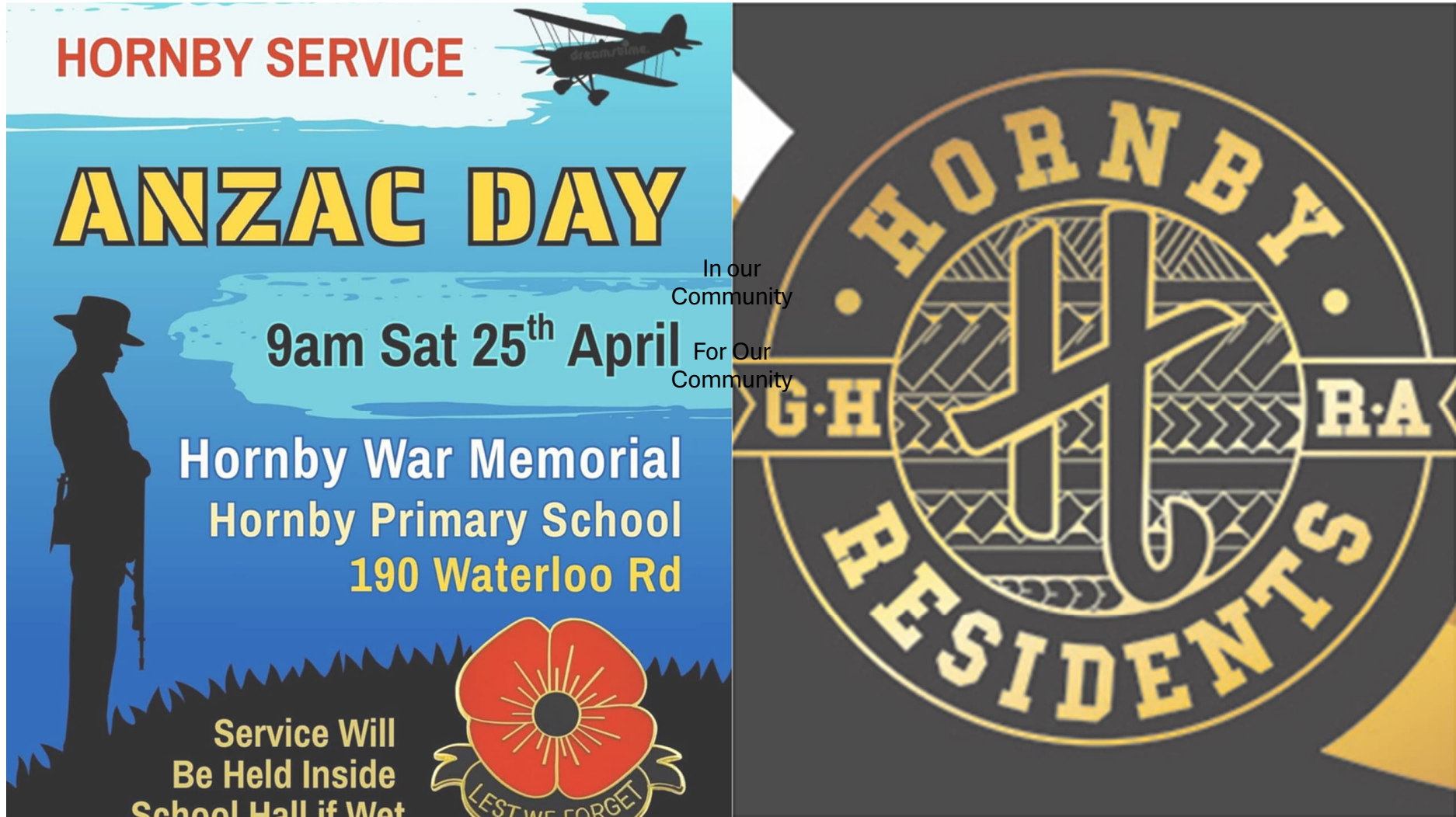
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**HORNBY SERVICE** 

# ANZAC DAY

9am Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Hornby War Memorial  
Hornby Primary School  
190 Waterloo Rd**

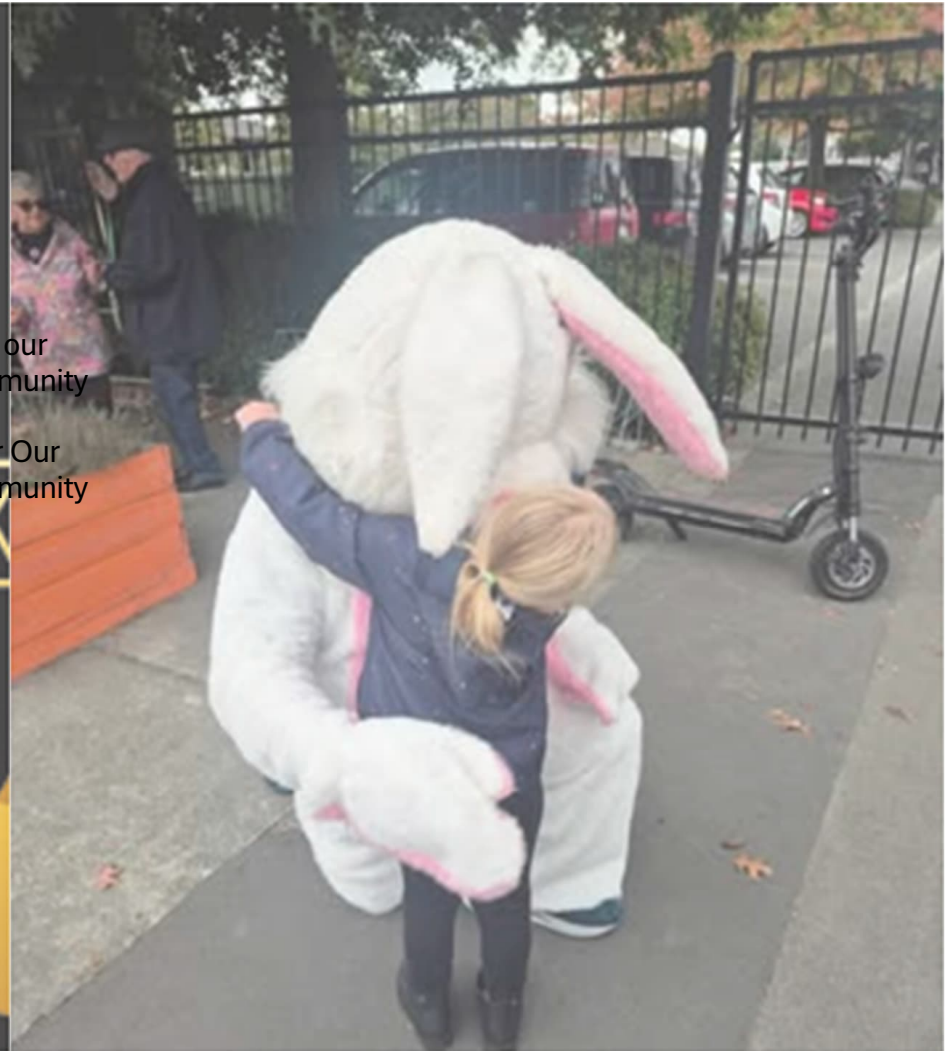
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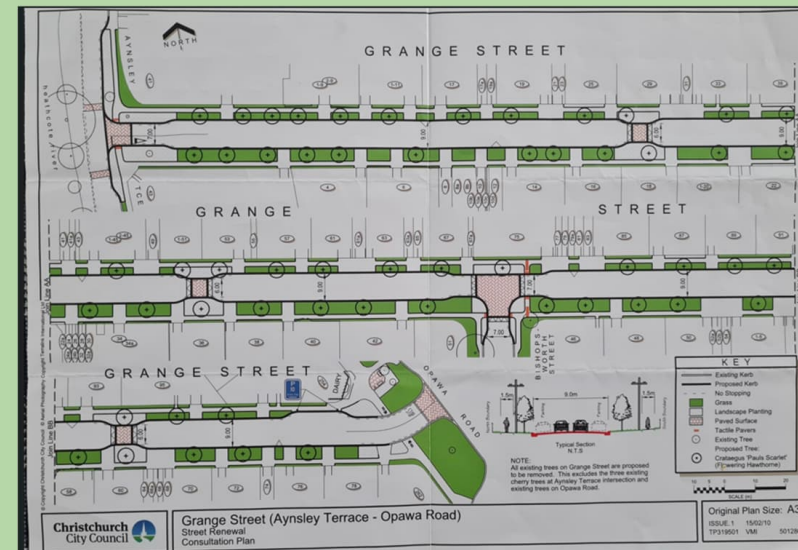


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# PLEASE RECOMMENCE THE GRANGE ST RENEWAL

The Community Board approved the Grange Street Renewal Plan on 30 July 2010 and it was to be completed in the 2011/2012 financial year. The trucks were on the street about to start when the EQ happened. It was “postponed”.



## **After our water pipes broke 3 days in a row in April 2025, making it 16 times in 3 years, we called for action.**

As well as emailing the mayor, our local councillor and the newspaper, we held a street meeting and a Working Group was formed who presented at the May 2025 Community Board meeting regarding the water pipes and requesting the Street Renewal to recommence.

The water pipes got replaced. Thank you.

An onsite meeting was held in December with councillors Tim and Nathaniel, Community Board members and council staff.

We understand that our next step is to present a submission to your annual plan.

Our street is dangerous.

Please can the Grange St Upgrade be prioritised for our safety.

We would like

- the flat profile kerb and channel
- adequate street lighting (on list of 800)
- on street parking
- something to reduce driving speed
- Aynsley intersection to be safe.

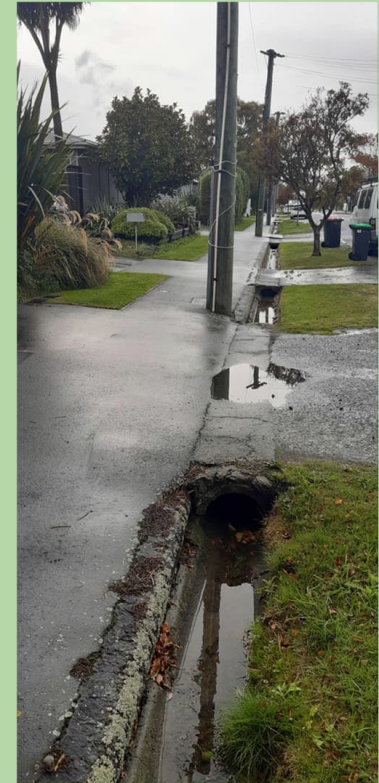
## Gutters

2010 plan: Replace the existing kerb and dish channel and ensure adequate drainage is provided.



Many bridges are not wide enough or are broken. Visitors drive into deep gutters by accident. (Half an hour to get them out) Little children accidentally bike off footpath into deep gutter. Danger to dogs and walkers.

## Photos after one night of rain, the day after the leaf vacuum cleaner



## Photos of after the autumn storm 2025





## Street Lighting substandard and unsafe

2010 plan included upgrading street lighting to current council standards.



Opawa Rd end, same side as street lights.

Dark and dangerous.

Unsafe dusk onwards.

Encourages anti-social behaviour. Had garage and car break ins - expense, insurance, loss.

Unsafe to walk from No. 8 bus.

Feels dangerous biking to and from work.

Walking dog dangerous.



Footpath at Opawa Road end, one house down from dairy. Opposite side to lights.  
Couldn't see to step off footpath to get back to car!



Aynsley End on opposite side to street lights.  
Couldn't see to step off footpath to get back to car!

## Parking

2010 plan: Nine metres road width. This allows for parallel parking on both sides of the carriageway.

We need the width like  
MacKenzie Ave.

We have lots of back  
sections so need lots of  
parking on the street.



MacKenzie Ave

**Photos of our current ugly street of parking holes and scars, where you have to park carefully in winter so you don't step out of your car into a big puddle.**





## **Need to slow the speed**

**The 2010 plan was to reduce speed and 'short-cutting'; The Traffic count had the 85th percentile speed recorded at 55 kilometres per hour.**

**We are now a thoroughfare since the Garlands Road speed limit was reduced.**

**Some cars do at least 60 km/hr. One ute was doing 100km at 10:15am.**

**A teenager sped down and landed in river March 2025. Another vehicle landed in the river a couple of years back. Disturbing sights and mother calling.**

**Dangerous for bikes, backing out of driveways, children.**

## Turning out of Grange onto Aynsley is really dangerous and needs widening.



With the garden on the left there is only 5.7m for one car to turn while the other is going straight ahead. This is not enough! You have to wait for a car to go passed before turning.

The garden needs to be reduced.

## Turning onto Grange St from Aynsley is tight



The garden doesn't give much room and it feels very tight if there is a vehicle waiting to turn right onto Aynsley. It's only 6.8m wide and needs to be wider.



## Summary:

Please recommence the Grange St Renewal including a full consultation with the street so we can feel safe.

We need:

- Flat profile gutters (that remove the water)
- Adequate street lighting
- Widened road for parking (leaving the trees)
- Something to reduce speed
- Safe intersection with Aynsley Terrace

While the transport representative said that Grange St is not on the current plan for a full street renewal as its road surface was replaced 3 years ago and the footpath resealed 5 years ago...

We would like to say

- putting icing on the top of the cake has not solved the problems. (New surfaces haven't solved safety issues with deep kerbs.)
- it is unfair that our renewal is not being done due to the council not keeping accurate records of which street had the trucks on their street to start their Street Renewal when the earthquake struck.

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**First Name:** Mark **Last Name:** Belton

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[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

#### How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy.

#### Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?

These buildings are critical heritage for our city. Our Council should be leading their recovery, which requires financial leadership, and inclusion in Annual and Long Term CCC financial plans.

The cathedral is no 1 priority.

Provincial Government Buildings also top priority

I request being able to speak to CCC meeting on 9th April

I am former Co-Chair Restore Christchurch Cathedral Inc.

I am a CCT Board member

### Future feedback?

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For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

Yes.

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Funding support from ratepayers is essential. Its our city, our heritage, our custodial care duty, therefore the city should be leading on this.Prio

The Cathedral... full restoration no 1 priority. (half the restoration as proposed is a fail)

Provincial Government Buildings.. is next priority.

And Then the Arts Centre...

and the Museum, which has significant funding, and could have avoided the extra absurd extra cost of underground storage.

I would like to speak on Cathedral & Arts Centre

## Shaun Stockman KPI Rothschild – Stockman Group - Submission

Good evening.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about the funding Assistance of the four very important Heritage Buildings in our City being considered.

It's no secret that I am a strong Heritage advocate, receiving a Civic Trust Award from the Christchurch City Council in 2021 for restoring a number of personally owned Heritage buildings in the High Street - some of which were not commercially viable in terms of the dollars to do so! but I felt strongly Civically obliged too do so.

I have also served on the Christchurch Heritage Trust for 11 years now, as you are aware we saved both the Trinity Church, and Shand's buildings, both of these buildings simply would be here now, and are both examples of the \$\$ not stacking up to restore them commercially, but these two buildings now offer a lot of Beauty & social cohesion to our City as a result of restoring them for years to come beyond my lifetime.

It's probably no surprise that I'm here to talk to you about the Cathedral, which I personally consider is the most Iconic and important Heritage Building we have left in our city on so many levels.

### **Here is some History on the Cathedral – and forgive me if you are already aware of it:**

- 1, The Canterbury Society planned the build of it in 1848 as a meeting place, a place for spirituality and social Cohesion! with construction starting in 1864 in the heart of our city.
- 2, The building was a forty-year slog to build with the Anglicans Mortgaging other properties to complete the Build in 1904.
- 3, The Cathedral has been a symbol of resilience for our city since its inception, surviving earthquakes in 1881, 1883, 1901, 1922, and 2010. But sadly, enduring catastrophic damage in the 2011 earthquake, its ongoing restoration serves as a focal point for cities recovery. In my view, the absence of a restored Cathedral indicates the absence of a restored city centre.
- 4, The Anglicans, following a section 38 order to demolish, were about to demolish and rebuild but were met with opposition – “opposition” being an understatement! There were Mayors and Politician's; past and present, and legal battles to follow. You could say they were forced to retain & reinstate it; the Church Synod made the call to do so based on the support offered, and albeit some support has come - a lot more is needed.

**You might ask what are the Core Purposes of the Restored Cathedral and its Role in the Community:**

- **Symbolic Heart:** Planned by the Canterbury Association as the centre of their colony, it is still considered the "heart of the city," located at the heart of Cathedral Square going right back to our city's roots.
- **Spiritual and Community Hub:** It is the first home of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, offering a place for worship, reflection, and community connection.
- **Civic and Cultural Site:** The Cathedral has historically hosted major concerts, civic events, and acted as a key central city landmark and tourist attraction, and will again return to its Historic Core purpose when restored.
- **Historical Archive:** It contains numerous memorial tablets and windows, acting as a historical record of Canterbury's development.
- **Resilience:** We as Cantabrians pride ourselves on our strength and resilience. A restored Cathedral is a clear Statement to the world of how we rally together and rebuild as a City, the Cathedral is key to this in my view.

**To sum up:**

Some people may argue the cathedral is too expensive to restore, and that Christchurch should focus only on other buildings.

However, the Cathedral is more than a pile of damaged stones. It represents the identity of Christchurch and the shared history, and memories of its people. The absence of a functioning and restored Cathedral is like losing a part of ourselves.

Yes, rebuilding costs money-but what is the cost of losing a symbol that connects generations? What is the cost of becoming a city that chooses budget over integrity? Restoring the cathedral is not about the past versus the future, it's about ensuring the central heart of the city is treated with the respect it has always deserved

**THANK YOU - IM HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.**

\$564,000 allocated for a new dog park but no dog free park for people

Management Plan not used to begin consultation on fenced dog area for Halswell Quarry Park – need for all Management Plans to be easily available for



Other Councils have \$300 Infringement Notice Offences in their Dog Control Bylaw





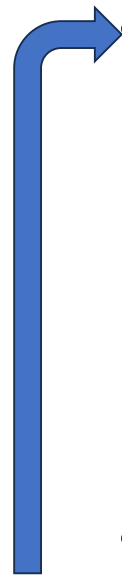
Dog Smart: If a dog's on its own, leave it alone. Why?

CCC will spend over 30 million on  
footpath in the next three years without  
considering the optimal needs of  
pedestrians

Definition of a  
"pedestrian"

From a dictionary: "A  
person travelling by  
foot"

However, NZTA has a  
different definition

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- *A pedestrian is defined in the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 as 'a person on foot on a road; and includes a person in or on a contrivance equipped with wheels or revolving runners that is not a vehicle'. This can include a person walking or running, a person pushing a pram, a person in a wheelchair and a number of other users.*
  - *Users of skateboards, skates and scooters are not pedestrians as defined by law but are permitted on the pedestrian network*

Pedestrians interact with the surface by foot strike, whereas wheels roll over the surface



Infrastructure for pedestrians needs to be designed for pedestrians – not for wheels. Use natural surfaces or include recycled rubber as softer. Can be porous too. Also recycling rubber environmentally friendly.



## The Pedestrian Network

NZTA has: *A footpath is defined in the Land Transport (Road User Rule) 2004 as 'a path or way principally designed for, and used by, pedestrians; and includes a footbridge.'*

Pedestrians – those that travel by foot in CCC are no longer the main consideration.

Steep hill streets like Dyers Pass and Hackthorne Roads do not need camber because the water runs down the road. So why can't footpaths beside them, including driveway exits, also be without camber?

WaterSmart now have Porous Lane – a porous material main component old vehicle tyres <https://www.watersmart.co.nz/porous-lane>



Antigua Street footpath with  
trip hazard vegetation

## Effect of Intensification on footpaths

















SECTION 6 – FOOTPATHS, RAMPS AND LANDINGS

NZS 4121:2001

**6 FOOTPATHS, RAMPS AND LANDINGS**

**6.1 General**

The design and construction of footpaths and ramps on accessible routes shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) The minimum clear width shall be 1200 mm at kerb level;
- (b) The transverse gradient of crowned or banked footpaths or ramps shall not exceed 1 in 50 (see figure 10).
- (c) Openings between bollards and similar barriers to non-pedestrian traffic shall be positioned or constructed to allow for the passage of wheelchairs or guide dog users and should visually contrast against the background for pedestrians with visual impairment (also refer to 13.2.5 and figure 43);
- (d) Landings shall be provided on footpaths and ramps in accordance with this Standard;

**C6.1(b)**

*The transverse gradient or cross-fall of a footpath pulls the wheelchair to one side. A flatter surface also reduces the inclination of people who are blind or partially sighted to veer. Therefore wherever possible the transverse gradient should be flatter than the minimum requirements of this Standard.*

## 6.2 Footpaths

### 6.2.1 Ground surface level

The natural ground surface adjacent to a footpath on an accessible route shall be as nearly flush with the finished surface of the footpath as possible, unless an upstand or barrier rail is provided.

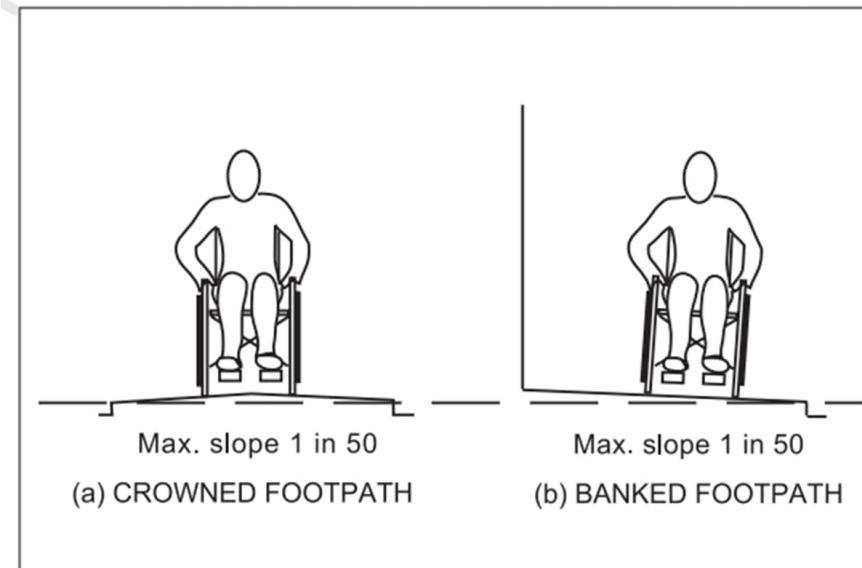


Figure 10 – Maximum allowable camber for footpaths and ramps

With intensification developments covering much of the area in concrete or non-draining materials with 4 to 7 flats, driveway, concrete square in outside space, and building closer to the footpath. There is a tendency to raise the ground level of the entire section. Hence, the footpath and grass berm are at too great a camber (crossfall) for NZS 4121

Interface between driveways and footpaths

There are three interface scenarios: perpendicular, combination and parallel, as shown below.

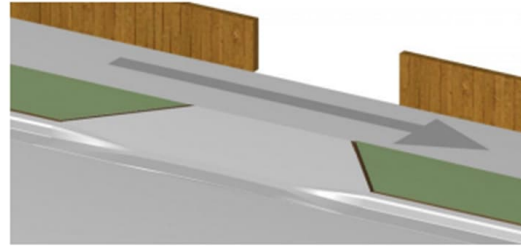


Figure 30: Perpendicular

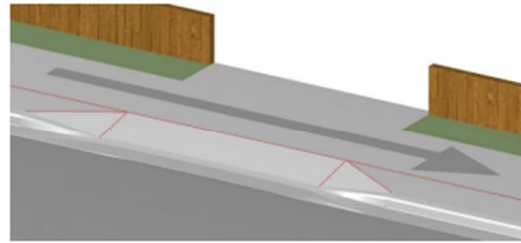


Figure 31: Combination

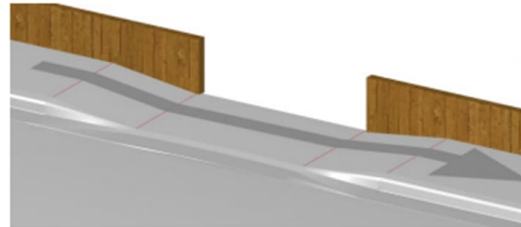


Figure 32: Parallel (to be used only in existing circumstances)

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Walking-Cycling-and-Public-Transport/docs/pedestrian-network-guidance/docs/3.3-paths-apr-2026.pdf> Page 38



## Implications if NZTA change law to permit children under 13 years to cycle, including on e-cycles, on all footpaths



- **A necessity versus a nice option.** Children can have other options to cycling like walking or running, or cycle on the road or on cycleways. For some, walking is their only option.
- Footpaths are for physical and mental health as well as to get from A to B. Risk of injury to disabled and/or elderly pedestrians may give them no alternative option to get out and about.
- Footpaths have less visibility to being on roads, with high front fences, and footpath intersections may be totally obscured by fences and/or vegetation.
- Infrastructure was not built to cater for child cyclists. In this picture children could cycle across this street before the STOP sign.



If children are permitted to cycle on footpaths, will CCC need to erect these signs at every intersection to inform vehicle drivers to Give Way to cyclists on the footpath?

Many driveways do not have the visibility for exiting vehicles to safely stop for children biking along footpaths at speed.

Please introduce a by-law to prohibit children cycling on footpaths if NZTA approve under 13 years cycling on footpaths.

## “Shared Paths”

NZTA definition: *A shared path is a path that is intended to be used by pedestrians, people cycling, people using mobility devices and wheeled recreational devices*

“Shared Paths” are designed for wheels as priority.

Often footpaths become “shared paths” with the addition of paint

Te Kura (Hoon Hay Stormwater Basin) has 14km of “shared” paths and NO pedestrian-only paths.



Brougham Street Bridge – neither safe or convenient  
for pedestrians

## Milton Street new Pedestrian & Cycling Crossing

Simeon Street approach. Note the signal box reduces visibility and narrows footpath



Milton Street on both sides of crossing



## City to Sea Shared Pathway



City to Sea pathway requires all users to stay on the asphalt. Why with all the space is there no grass verge as a pedestrian alternative, as less pounding and away from faster users.

Plantings already encroach on the path creating a trip hazard





Temporary signage obstructing footpath





## Addington Brook

The restoration project, aimed at improving biodiversity and water quality by naturalizing the waterway.

Would have been great to have a complete natural area of Hagley Park with no path – just mown grass





Montgomery Spur  
Reserve

Never had a “shared  
path” approved in the  
consultation



Start of pedestrian-only path not designed to encourage use with “shared path” to begin, followed by steps and steep uphill path, that needed a zig-zag path for safety and ease of climbing steep lower section.





If running or walking uphill with a steep gradient, tend to be watching the ground a few metres ahead, hence don't see cycle track until about 2m from it. Track is natural, and just marked by orange poles.



# Responsible Financial Stewardship

## Advocating for Efficient Use of Ratepayer Funds



CCBA April 2024

Annabel Turley Chair CCBA

# Reconsideration of Expenditure



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# Proposed Operational Change



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# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2025/26

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APRIL 2025



# OPPOSITION TO WASTEFUL SPENDING

The Council needs to treat public money as ratepayers do: carefully, intentionally, and with a bit of scepticism.



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# COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET REVIEW

Budget Review

Not Optional – Essential



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# KEEP RATES IN LINE WITH CPI

Tie rate increases to CPI



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# ASSET REVIEW AND DEBT REDUCTION

Live within your means



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*Rinse, Repeat... or Reset?*  
**A Call for Financial Discipline**

APRIL 2026

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# WE REPRESENT THE CENTRAL CITY

- 1,100+ businesses
- Employers & ratepayers
- Retail, hospitality & services



# BUSINESS COSTS ARE RISING

- Lease Expenses
- Insurance
- Wages
- Compliance



*Rates are passed directly on to businesses*



86.9%



Increase in rates over 10 years

**This is not sustainable**

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## WHAT THIS MEANS

### Real consequences for businesses

- Margins shrinking
- Prices increasing
- Investment slowing
- Confidence dropping



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## THE PATTERN

Same issues  
Same conversations  
Same outcomes

**SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE**



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## FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE

### Council debt continues to grow

- Ongoing borrowing
- Rising servicing costs

At some point — you stop expanding



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## SPENDING TEST

**Every dollar should pass this test:**

- ✓ Delivers measurable value
- ✓ Has a clear purpose
- ✓ Would stack up commercially

**If not — it shouldn't be funded**



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# ACCOUNTABILITY GAP

**Businesses**  
Cutting costs  
Delaying investment

**Council**  
Continued spending  
Limited restraint

*This gap is growing*



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## WHAT WE SUPPORT

**We support practical action**

Asset sales

Debt reduction

Focus on essentials

*If it's not needed — sell it*



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## OUR ASK

### We are asking Council to:

- ✓ Keep rates in line with CPI
- ✓ Apply spending discipline
- ✓ Prioritise essential investment
- ✓ Decline further funding for major civic/heritage projects without a clear return
- ✓ Proceed with asset sales



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## STOP RINSE-AND-REPEAT BUDGETING



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# Lake Settlers Association

2026–27 CCC Annual Plan Submission Presentation

9 April 2026

## Overview

Who we are

Our key requests to Council:

1. Downstream impacts of urban growth
2. Transparency and monitoring of urban stormwater
3. Avoid discharging stormwater during peak downstream flow conditions
4. Review and rebalance drainage rating and development contributions
5. Coordinate with agencies on lake level management

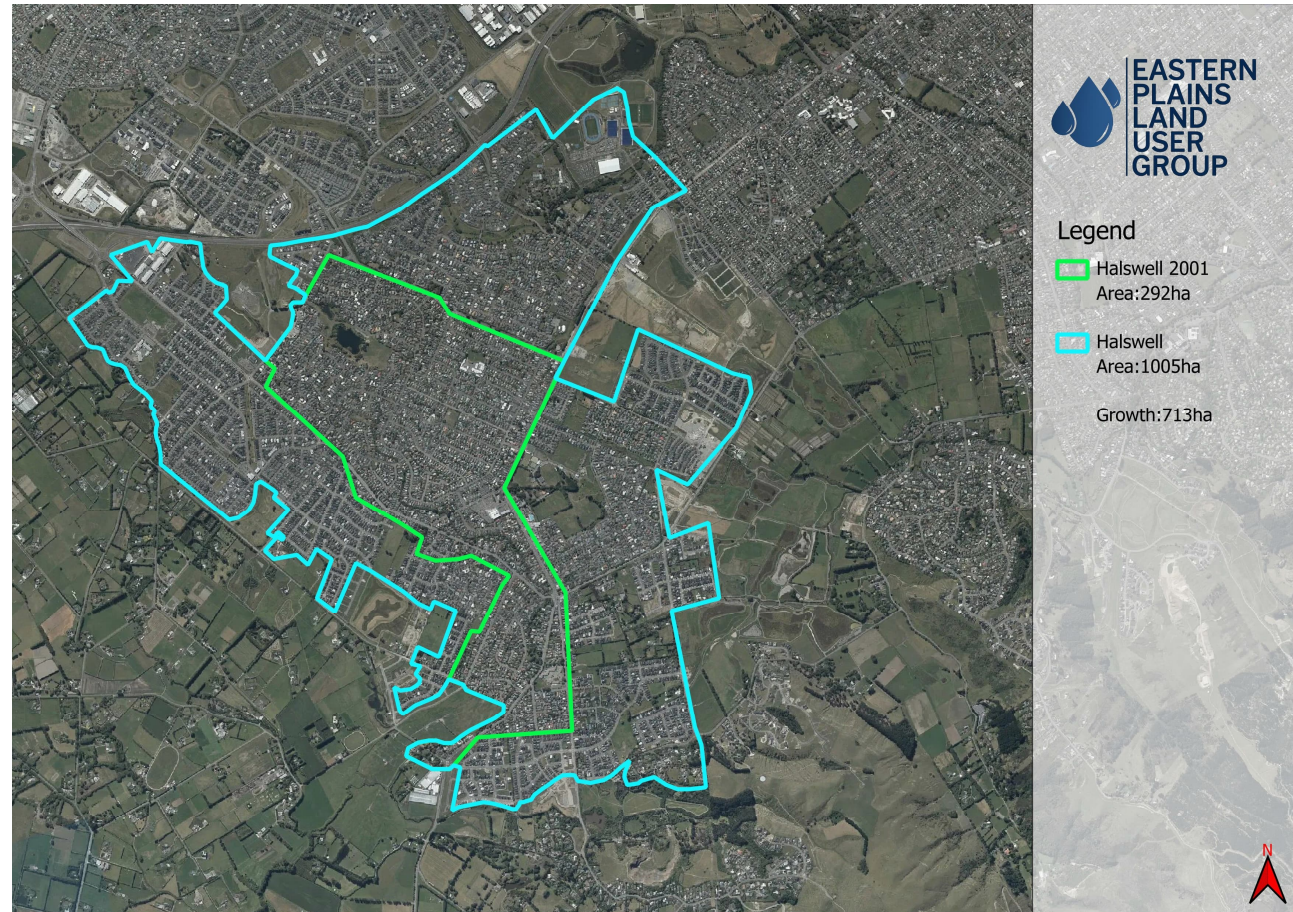
# 1. Urban Growth and Downstream Impacts

Key Request:

Recognise and manage the downstream impacts of urban development growth on drainage systems and Te Waihora lake levels, as part of planning and consenting processes, including cumulative effects, with clear mitigation measures implemented prior to further development proceeding.

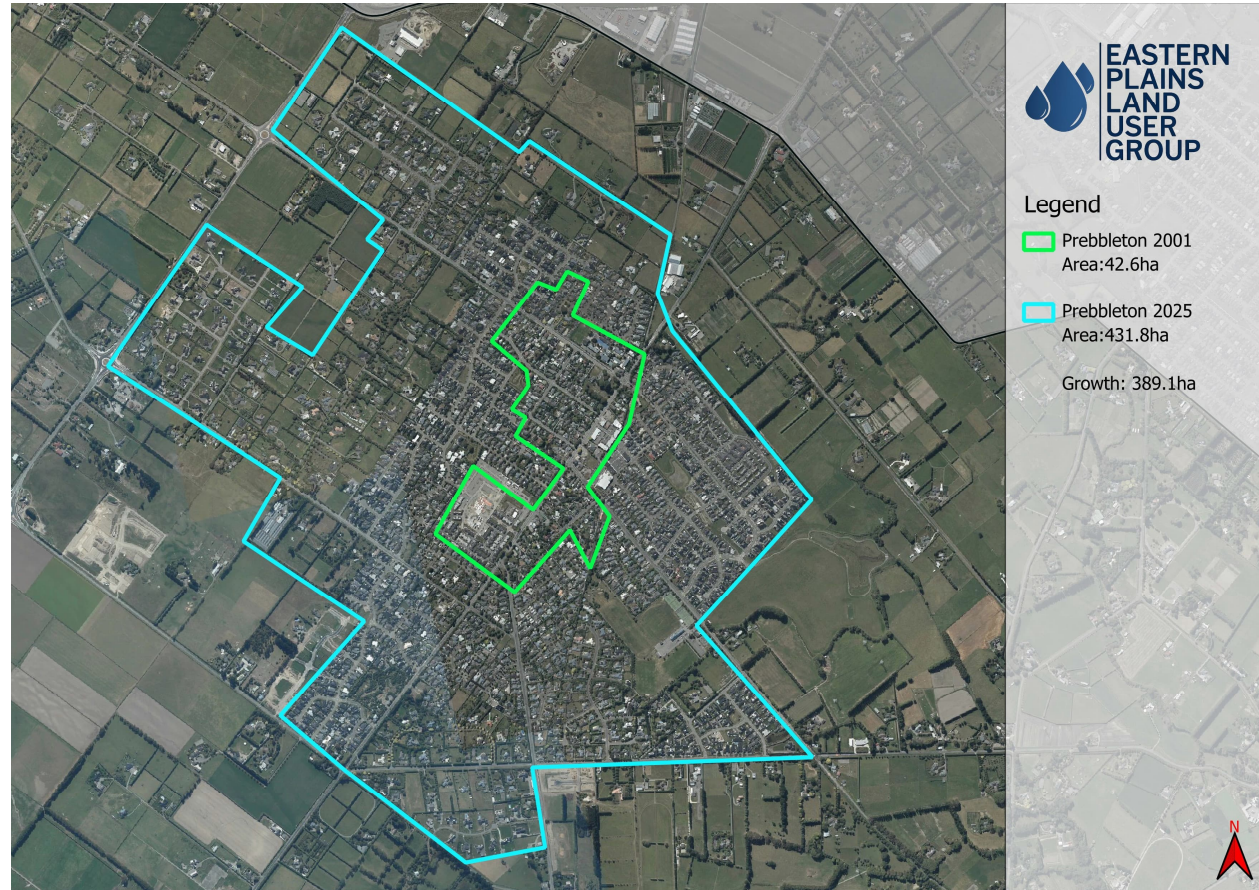
# Halswell

grown x 2.4  
from 2001 to  
2025



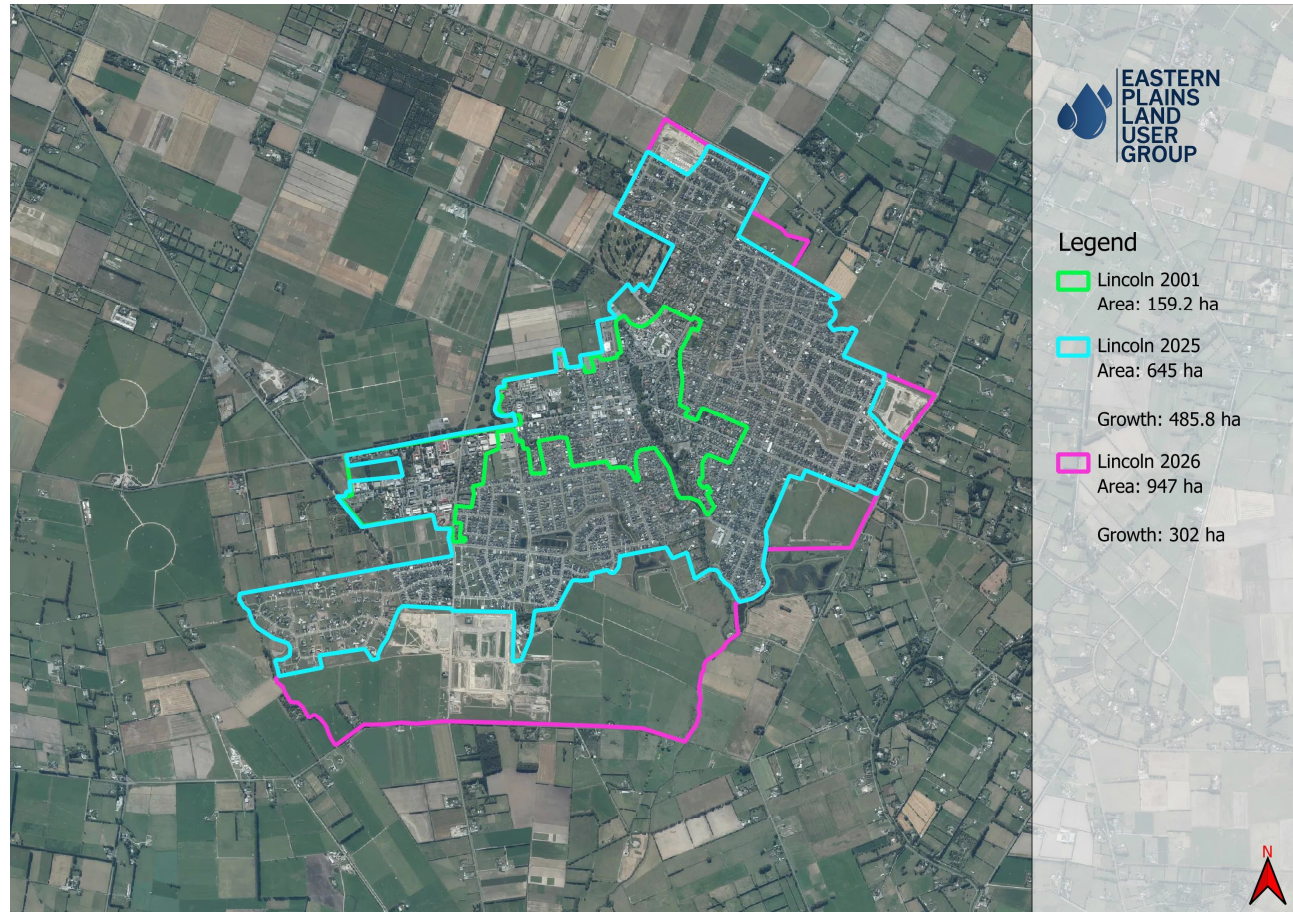
# Prebbleton

has grown x9



# Lincoln

grown x3  
from 2001 to  
2025, with  
further growth  
plans

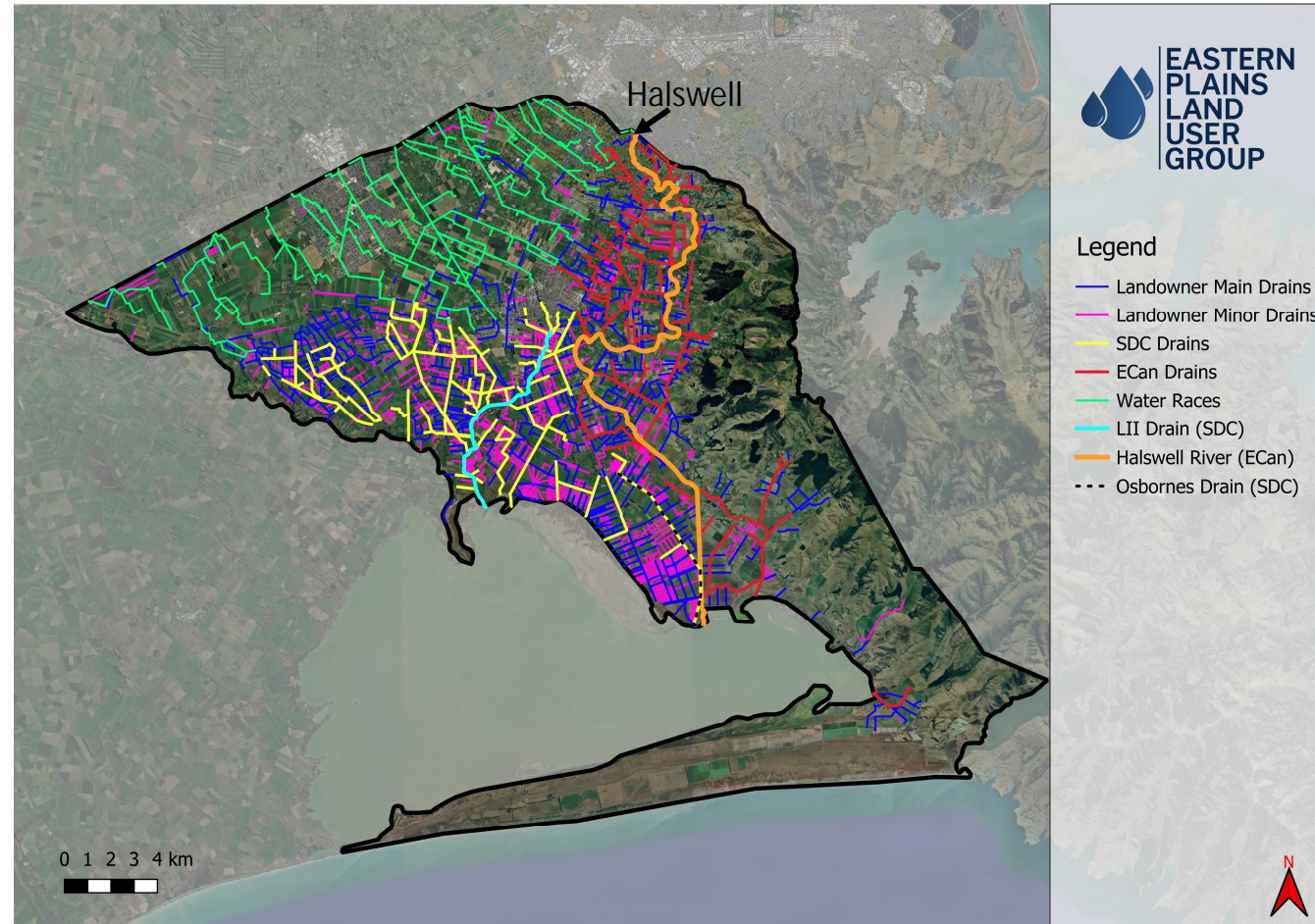


# Wigram

has grown x 1.1



# Drainage Network



## 2. Stormwater Monitoring

Key Request:

Improve transparency and monitoring of water quality inputs, particularly urban stormwater, including clearer identification of contaminant sources entering Te Waihora and improved public reporting.

### 3. Stormwater Discharge Timing

Key Request:

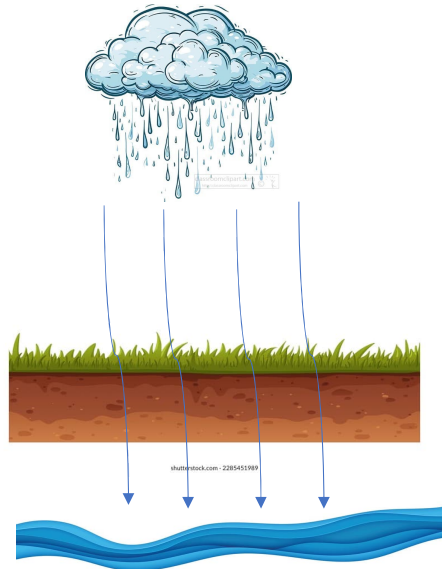
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### 3. Stormwater Discharge Timing

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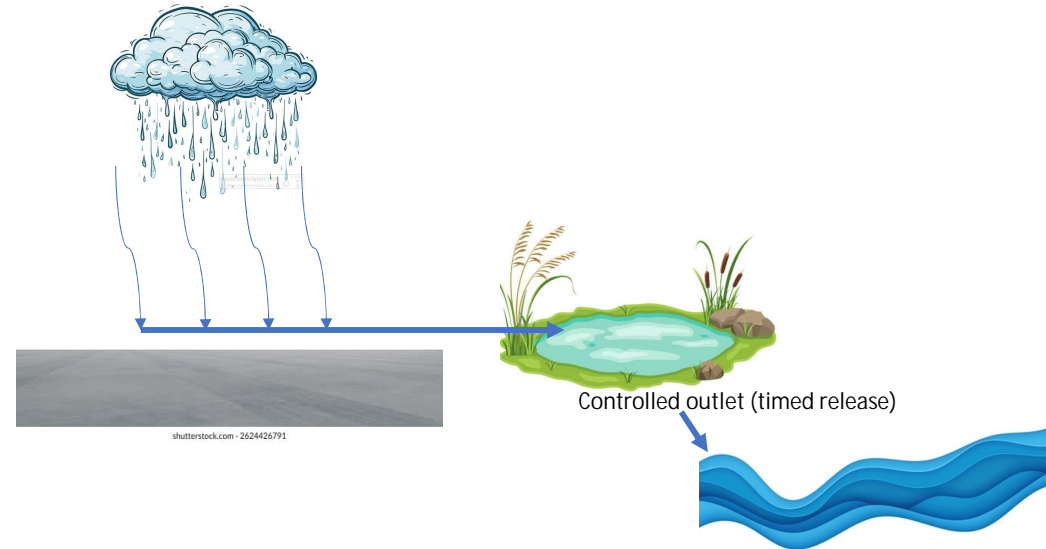
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## Pre Development



Rainfall infiltrates soil & is released gradually  
Natural storage slows movement  
Peak flows are reduced & spread over time

## Post Development



It's not just how much water is discharged,  
but when

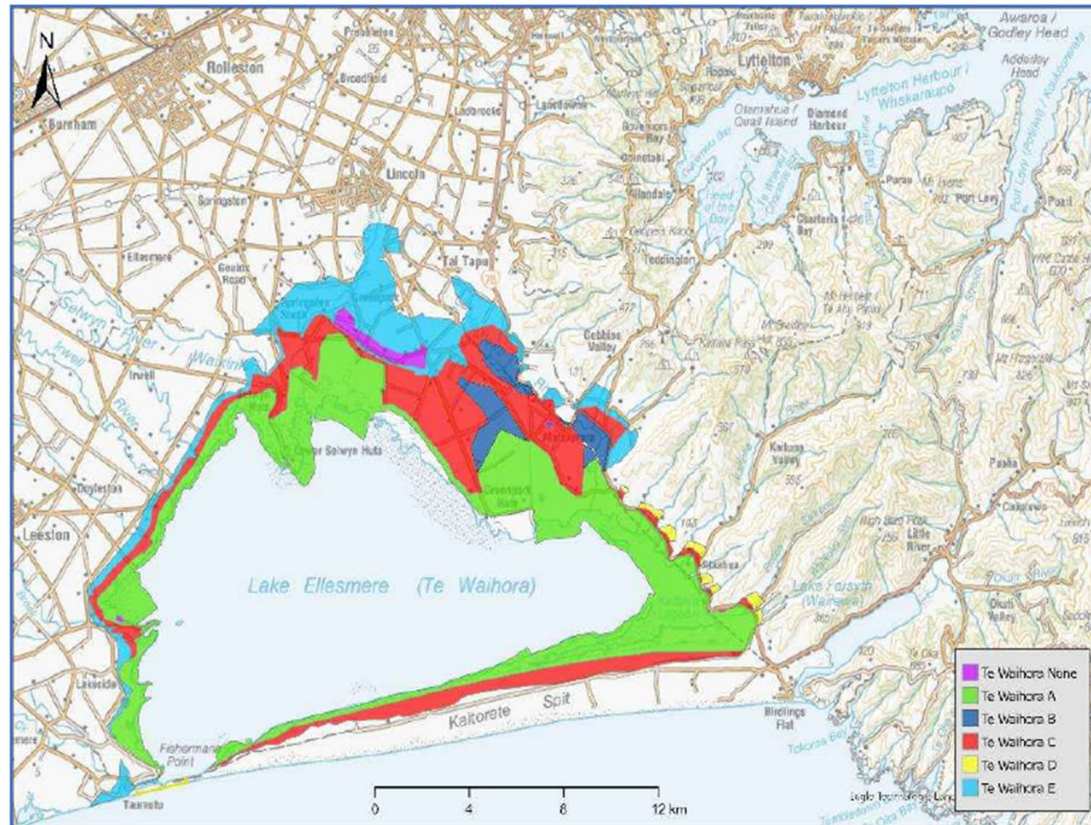
**Hard surfaces prevent infiltration & increase runoff**  
Water is captured & discharged via stormwater ponds  
**Discharge can coincide with peak drain flows**  
*Like emptying a bucket into a full funnel*

## 4. Funding and Growth Contributions

Key Request:

Review and rebalance drainage funding and development contribution frameworks so that costs are more appropriately borne by those driving and benefiting from growth, and to ensure urban growth areas contribute fairly to stormwater and downstream drainage infrastructure, including impacts on Te Waihora.

## Te Waihora - Rating District



Rating:  
A (highest) to  
E (lowest)

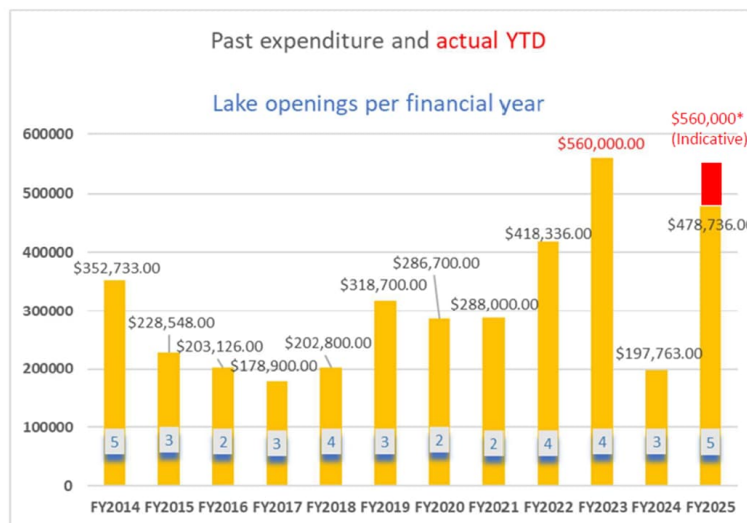
*\*Map shows classification of the rated area within scheme*

## 5. Coordination on Lake Management

Key Request:

Support improved coordination with relevant agencies on lake level management and long-term solutions that may reduce extreme lake level fluctuations, improving ecological and lake use outcomes.

# Coordination on Lake Management



\*Small grey box refers to the number of openings in that Financial Year

### Costs incurred per Financial Year

10-year average = \$309,528.50  
5-year average = \$388,567.00

Average cost of opening =  
Approx \$94,190.00

### 2024 / 2025

- Just completed 6<sup>th</sup> opening for FY
- Large opening in July 2024, started in FY23/24
- Spring 'any level' opening at 0.95m to facilitate Inanga passage



Lake opening expenditure by financial year (2014-2025). Source: Dan Maahan, ECan (16 July 2026)

## Summary

### Stormwater & Drainage – Key Issues

- Growth is increasing pressure on drainage systems
- Costs and impacts are not well aligned
- Post-development runoff adds flows during peak drain conditions

### Key requests

- Better monitoring of flows and system performance
- Improved alignment of funding with growth pressures
- Stronger coordination across agencies and catchments

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 27/03/2026

**First Name:** Charlotte **Last Name:** Senior

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:**

Lake Settler Association (LSA)

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:**

Group Administrator. LSA represents landowners and residents around Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora and the surrounding drainage catchments.

### Feedback

#### The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

**Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?**

Continue with the planned 0.25% rates increase in 2026/27, and apply an additional 0.25% each year of the Long Term Plan.

**Do you have any comments about the options for the Climate Resilience Fund?**

It is important that funding is targeted toward projects that deliver tangible resilience outcomes for both rural and urban parts of the catchment, including drainage performance, flood mitigation, and integrated catchment management.

**Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on three waters (e.g. drinking water, wastewater, stormwater)?** If not, leave blank.

The Lake Settlers Association supports investment in three waters infrastructure, particularly where it improves system resilience and reduces flooding risk.

It is important that this investment keeps pace with urban growth and considers downstream effects on rural drainage networks and Te Waihora.

A whole-of-catchment approach is needed to ensure that upgrades within urban areas do not increase pressure on downstream systems.

Attached Documents

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## Submission on the Christchurch City Council Annual Plan 2026/27

### Managing Urban Growth Impacts on Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere)

**Submitted by:** Lake Settlers Association (LSA)

**Date submitted:** 27 March 2026

**Contact**

Lake Settlers Association (LSA)

c/o Simon Manson (LSA Chair) [REDACTED]

c/o Eastern Plains Land User Group [REDACTED]

#### 1. Background

The Lake Settlers Association (LSA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2026/27 Annual Plan of Christchurch City Council. The LSA represents landowners and residents around Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora and the surrounding drainage catchments.

The association was originally formed in 1937 to maintain and improve lake drainage and to cooperate with the authorities responsible for opening and closing the lake to the sea. While several other committees exist that deal with local drainage scheme operations and maintenance, the association's primary focus remains the management of Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora itself, including lake levels, lake openings, and the interaction between the lake and surrounding drainage systems.

In February 2026, LSA established a new committee, and the association became a sub-committee of the Eastern Plains Land User Group (EPLUG). Established in 2022, EPLUG is a landowner-led catchment group representing landowners across the lower Selwyn catchment and now has a strong membership base of approximately 130 members. The group is supported through MPI catchment group funding and works to support farmers and landowners to improve environmental outcomes while maintaining productive land use. The current LSA committee includes representative members, comprising landowners, farmers and community representatives from around the lake and surrounding drainage areas. Collectively, these members represent a substantial area of land surrounding the lake and are directly affected by lake level management and drainage performance. This submission has been prepared by the LSA committee to reflect the key matters discussed by the group in relation to the future management of Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora and the surrounding drainage systems.

Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora is a significant natural and cultural resource. The lake covers approximately 20,000 hectares (at a lake level of 1.0 metres) and drains a catchment of roughly 256,000 hectares, making it one of the largest and most complex lake systems in New Zealand. It is also recognised as an important wildlife habitat and an area of significant cultural value to Ngāi Tahu.

The surrounding land supports substantial agricultural production and rural communities, meaning that effective management of lake levels and drainage systems is important not only for environmental outcomes but also for the resilience of the local economy and infrastructure. The

catchment includes both rural and rapidly expanding urban areas, meaning that lake management requires a whole-of-catchment approach that recognises the cumulative impacts of land use change, stormwater systems and drainage infrastructure. Addressing these issues requires collaboration between councils, iwi, landowners and the wider community.

## 2. Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora – Urban Growth and Stormwater Impacts

Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora plays a critical role in the functioning of the wider Selwyn and Christchurch City districts. It is highly responsive to changes in land use, drainage patterns, and inflows from across the catchment.

In recent years, significant urban growth in areas has altered how water moves through the catchment. Increased impervious surfaces, including roads, roofs and carparks, are increasing both the volume and speed of runoff entering stormwater systems, which ultimately connect into the wider drainage network and Te Waihora. This pattern of urban expansion is illustrated in **Figure 1**.

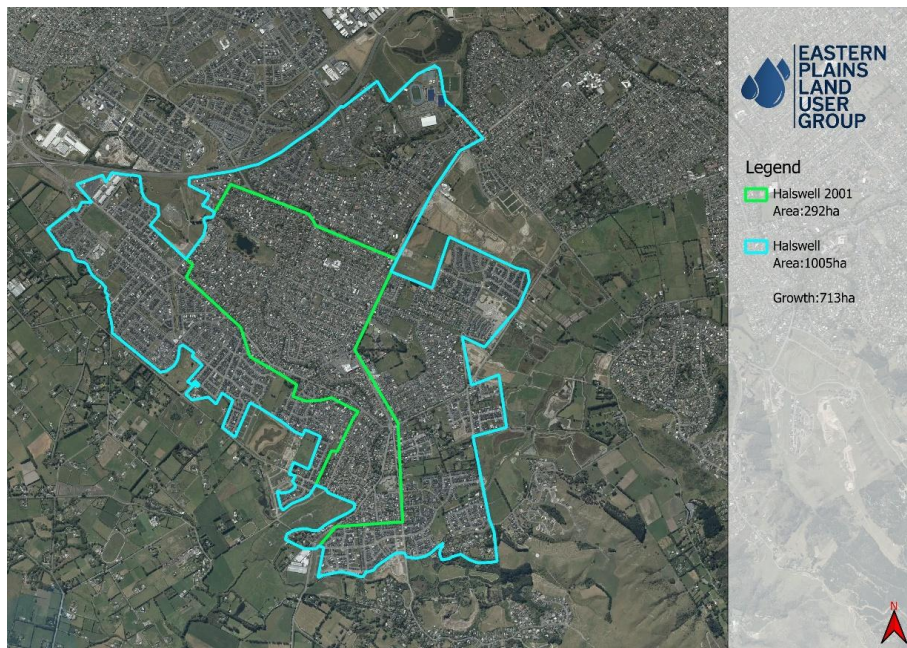


Figure 1: Urban expansion in Halswell (2001–2025) showing an increase of approximately 713 hectares. This growth increases impervious surface area and stormwater runoff entering the wider drainage network and Te Waihora.

Christchurch City Council plays a key role in managing Halswell’s stormwater and drainage infrastructure, including networks that ultimately connect to the wider catchment and Te Waihora. While urban growth brings clear benefits, it is important that stormwater and drainage planning keeps pace, and that downstream effects on the lake and rural drainage systems are properly understood and managed.

This requires high quality environmental data and information to support effective planning and decision-making, alongside infrastructure investment that reflects the scale and pace of growth.

## 2.1. Urban Stormwater and Water Quality

Water quality improvements within Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora require effort from all sectors. Farmers have made significant progress through Farm Environment Plans, nutrient management and regulatory compliance. Since the introduction of the Selwyn-Te Waihora sub-regional plan to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan in 2016, many farms have been required to obtain Farming Land Use consents and maintain audited Farm Environment Plan (FEP) grades. Recent Environment Canterbury data indicates a significant improvement in farm environmental performance, with 87% of audited farms in Selwyn achieving an A grade, compared with 77% across Canterbury<sup>1</sup>. In contrast, urban stormwater entering the drainage network and lake system is generally not subject to the same level of monitoring or management requirements.

However, urban stormwater entering the drainage network and lake system is generally not subject to the same level of monitoring or visibility, and its contribution to contaminants entering Te Waihora is not always clearly understood.

Christchurch City Council recognises that stormwater discharges can affect water quality and waterway health. This reinforces the importance of improving monitoring and understanding of urban contributions to Te Waihora<sup>2</sup>.

There is currently limited transparency around:

- the sources and types of contaminants entering the lake
- the contribution of urban stormwater relative to other land uses
- how these inputs are changing over time with urban growth

Improving understanding of urban contributions is important to ensure that responsibility for water quality outcomes is shared across the catchment, and that decisions are supported by robust, accessible information.

## 2.2. Urban Growth and Drainage System Pressure

Urban development in areas such as Halswell, introduces large areas of impervious surfaces, which significantly increase runoff volumes and flow rates. Stormwater systems and drainage networks (e.g. Halswell River), many of which were originally designed for predominantly rural land uses, are now being required to accommodate:

- higher flow volumes
- faster response to rainfall events
- more frequent peak flows

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2026/fep-data-shows-canterbury-farmers-are-making-real-environmental-progress>

<sup>2</sup> [https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/te-wai-ora-o-tane-integrated-water-strategy?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/te-wai-ora-o-tane-integrated-water-strategy?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

There is concern that downstream impacts of urban growth are not always fully accounted for, particularly in relation to:

- pressure on rural drainage networks
- inflows to Te Waihora
- lake level responses following rainfall events

Recent rainfall events have highlighted how quickly water now moves through the system, placing pressure on both urban stormwater networks and downstream rural drainage infrastructure. As urban areas continue to expand, it is critical that planning and consenting processes explicitly recognise these downstream effects. Effective stormwater planning is also critical to maintaining flood resilience, particularly as the scale and intensity of rainfall events increase.

### 2.3. Lake Level Fluctuations and Catchment Pressures

Lake levels have significant implications for surrounding land, infrastructure and ecological health. Observations from landowners suggest that lake levels may now respond more rapidly to rainfall events than historically. This is consistent with increased runoff from urban areas. Large “boom-bust” fluctuations in lake levels are not favourable for ecological systems, whether agricultural or natural. High lake levels, particularly when combined with wind effects, can also contribute to erosion and pressure on surrounding land.

While lake level management is not solely within the scope of Christchurch City Council, urban stormwater inputs are a contributing factor to these dynamics and should be considered as part of broader catchment management.

The Lake Settlers Association acknowledges and supports recent work by Christchurch City Council to investigate improved lake management solutions, including the proposed Wairewa / Lake Forsyth barge and pump project (often referred to as the “Ocean Connection”), which aims to enable more consistent flow between Lake Forsyth and the sea.

This type of initiative highlights the value of continuing to explore practical and innovative management approaches. Similar consideration of long-term options will be important for Te Waihora, recognising the scale and complexity of the system, particularly in light of climate change, sea-level rise and continued land use change.

Large-scale infrastructure solutions may ultimately require regional or national investment, given the significance of the lake, the scale of the catchment, and the multiple environmental, cultural and economic values associated with Te Waihora.

### 2.4. Funding and Infrastructure Alignment with Growth

Significant urban development has occurred across the catchment, increasing demand on stormwater and drainage infrastructure.

However, there is limited visibility around:

- how development contributions are being allocated to stormwater and drainage infrastructure
- whether investment is keeping pace with growth
- whether funding is targeted to areas experiencing the greatest pressure

There is a risk of a disconnect between:

- where growth is occurring
- where pressure on drainage systems is increasing
- where investment is directed

Ensuring that funding frameworks respond to growth is important for maintaining system performance and minimising the economic impacts of flooding on communities. With increasing community expectations for transparency, it is also important that information on infrastructure investment and performance is accessible and clearly communicated. Without this alignment, costs associated with growth risk being transferred to downstream communities and landowners.

### 3. Summary of Key Requests

- 1. Urban growth and downstream impacts**  
Require robust assessment of downstream impacts (e.g. impacts on rural drainage networks and lake levels) of urban development on drainage systems and Te Waihora as part of planning and consenting processes, including cumulative effects of urban growth over time, with clear mitigation measures implemented prior to further development proceeding.
- 2. Stormwater monitoring and transparency**  
Support continued improvement in monitoring and reporting of urban stormwater discharges, including clear identification of their contribution to contaminants entering Te Waihora, and improved public accessibility of this information.
- 3. Funding and growth contributions**  
Review funding and development contribution frameworks to ensure that areas experiencing urban growth contribute appropriately to stormwater and downstream drainage infrastructure, including impacts on Te Waihora.
- 4. Coordination on lake management**  
Support improved coordination with relevant agencies on lake level management and long-term solutions that may reduce extreme lake level fluctuations, improving ecological and lake use outcomes.

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## 4. Conclusion

Urban growth is a significant and ongoing change within the catchment. While it brings clear benefits, it also introduces increasing pressure on stormwater systems, drainage networks and Lake Ellesmere / Te Waihora.

Effective management requires:

- better visibility of urban stormwater contributions
- planning that recognises downstream effects
- funding frameworks that align with growth
- continued coordination across agencies

Addressing these matters will support more resilient infrastructure, improved environmental outcomes, and better long-term management of Te Waihora.

The association welcomes the opportunity to present this submission in person and discuss these matters further.

*Submitted on behalf of the Lake Settlers Association Committee.*

## Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Heritage Restoration and Council Investment

Heritage is important and it deserves the support of ratepayers. Christchurch’s iconic buildings must be restored if the city’s rebuild is to be completed, public access and use returned, and the city centre brought back to life.

Heritage should not be treated as a “nice to have”, funded only from whatever spare change remains after investment in sports venues or cycleways. These projects often reflect current fashions rather than enduring value. The role of the past in shaping the future is easy to overlook, particularly because heritage advocates cannot match the numbers of sports fans or the professional lobbying strength of cycling interests.

Heritage anchors people to place. It binds stories, memories, and identity to the city itself. As a young nation of immigrants, New Zealand cannot boast ancient monuments, and our heritage buildings are often unfairly judged against medieval structures overseas. Yet Notre Dame and Westminster Abbey were once young too. Heritage that is not valued and protected by the current generation will not survive for future generations to experience, appreciate, and learn from.

Christchurch heritage is not an architectural beauty contest between our city and far older societies overseas. Its value lies in its uniqueness to Christchurch and its role in telling our local story.

Nor should decisions about heritage restoration be framed as public versus private ownership. These buildings are not hidden from public view; they shape streetscapes and contribute to the public realm. Once restored, they do so far more positively than when left in their current, forlorn condition. Heritage and the stories they tell belong to everyone.

The real issue is the public benefit of the expenditure. Christchurch ratepayers have already spent many millions of dollars on public facilities that primarily benefit private commercial users—extra stadium seating, roading around the stadium precinct, and the ongoing maintenance of Hagley Oval for the benefit of professional cricket. These investments are justified on the basis that generating activity and business is good for the city and for ratepayers.

The Cathedral may not be owned by the Council—unlike the Provincial Buildings—but it is unquestionably a public space. Churches are open to the public, and the Cathedral has always served civic as well as religious functions

The key question for Council, therefore, is where expenditure will be most effective in restoring business activity and visitor numbers to the city centre. Is it better spent redesigning Cathedral Square, or in helping the Cathedral itself to reopen?

In my submission, the logic clearly favours supporting the reopening of the Cathedral. Cathedral Square is designed around it. The Cathedral dominates the space. It is simply too large an elephant to leave fenced off—however attractively those fences may be painted—while money is spent re-laying paving stones and installing forlorn planter boxes around it.

Cathedral Square needs its foot traffic back. It has lost the offices, shops, cafés, parking buildings, and newspaper offices that once drew crowds before the earthquakes. Post-quake developments such as the Convention Centre and the restored Noah's face the river, not the Square. The Library alone does not generate sufficient visitor numbers to revive the area.

Yes, heritage does need and deserve ratepayer support—not on the scale of the stadium, swimming pool, or cycleways, but at a level that is sufficient to make a real difference. The Museum has access to alternative funding streams. The Arts Centre is open and welcoming visitors. The Provincial Buildings have already waited far too long. There is little point in trying to beautify Cathedral Square while the Cathedral at its heart remains closed.

In closing, heritage investment should be judged by the same standard we apply elsewhere: public benefit. If Council's goal is to revive Cathedral Square and the city centre, the most effective step is to help reopen the Cathedral that gives the Square its purpose. There is little value in upgrading the space while its heart remains closed.

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### Heathcote Valley Community



**Thomas Healey** ✓



Nov 13, 2024 · 🧑

Had my car window broken and weed eater stolen from outside my house last night edit ignition has been destroyed



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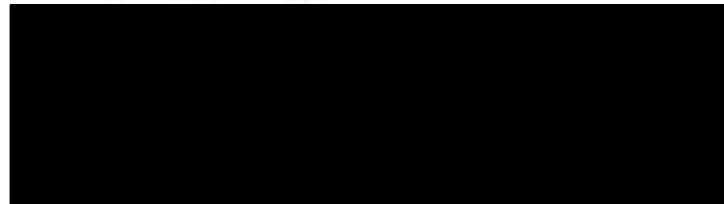
## Heathcote Valley Community



grass area on Marlborough Rd next the old city council  
housing flats into another community garden does  
anyone have any objections to this my plan is the front  
part is a traditional vegetables patch and the back part  
would be a foraging area with edible weed's and I have  
a person who teaches about this helping me to do this

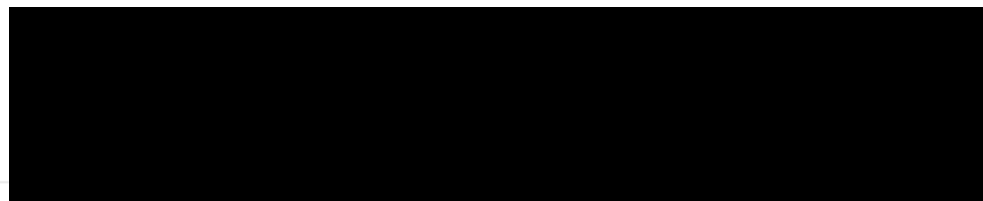
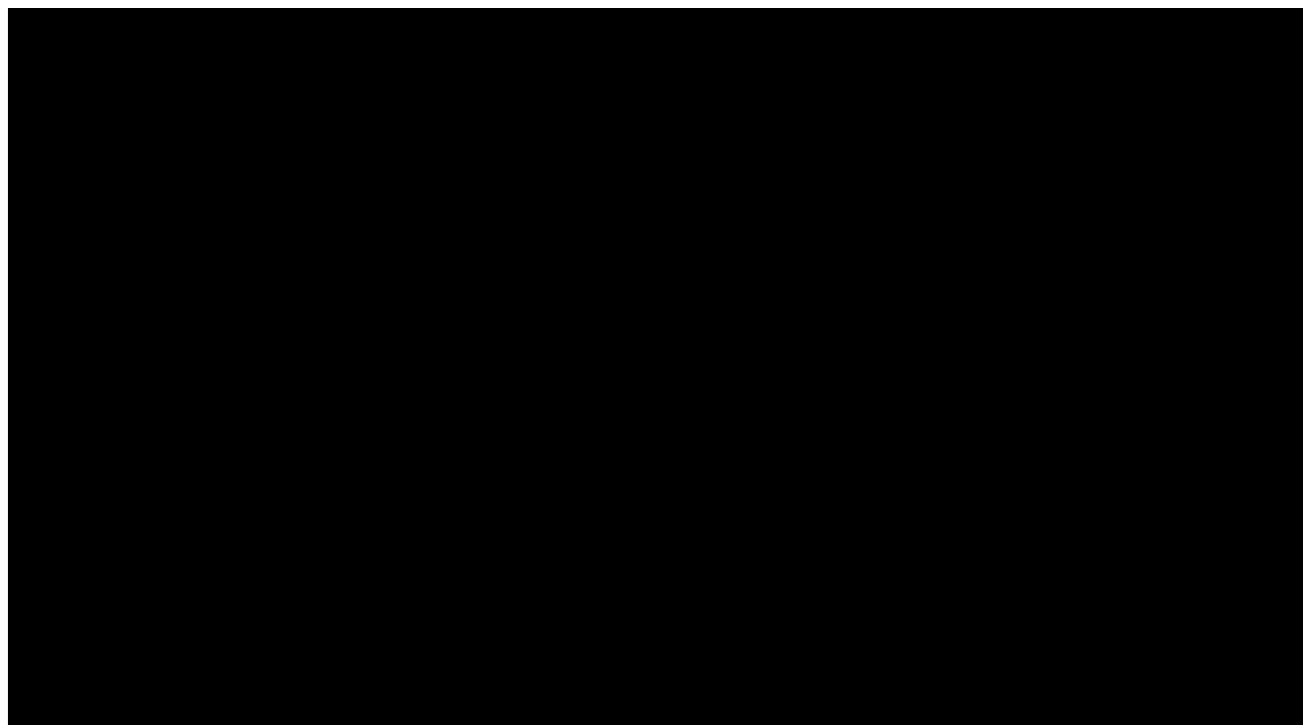
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Head's up the person is coming at 1 tomorrow not 11



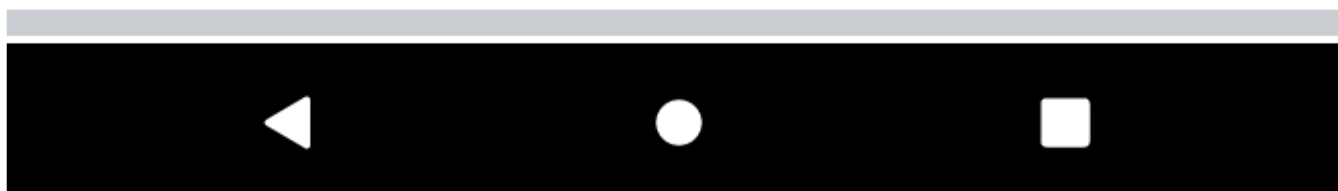
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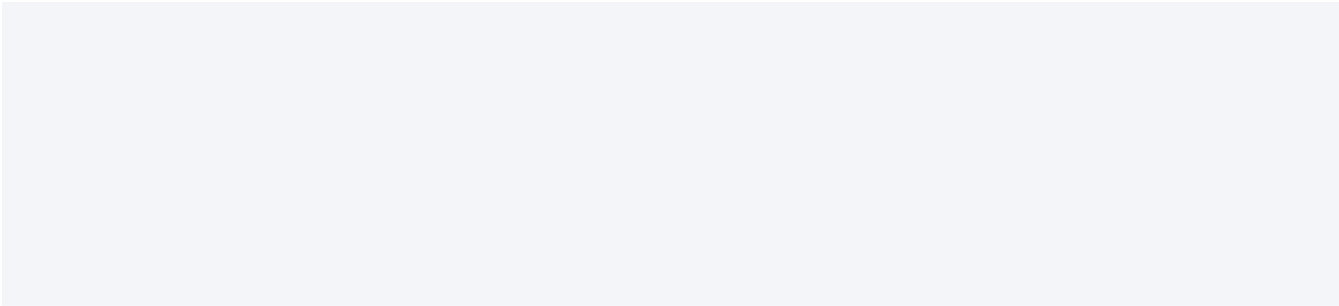
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18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear whom it may concern

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to establish a designated food forest within the Red Zone, with a particular focus on planting fruit trees for community foraging.

Planting fruit trees in public spaces has the potential to deliver meaningful benefits, including improving access to fresh food, strengthening community connection, and making productive use of available land. Such initiatives can also contribute positively to local biodiversity and promote sustainable, community-led use of green spaces.

I support further exploration of this proposal and encourage constructive engagement with the community and relevant stakeholders to assess its feasibility and long-term value.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ngā mihi nui,

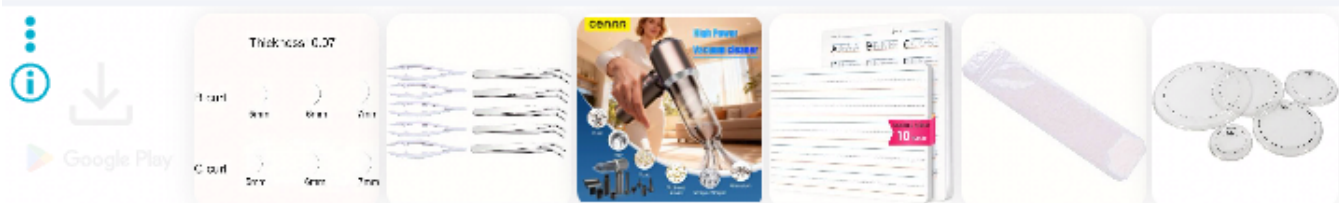
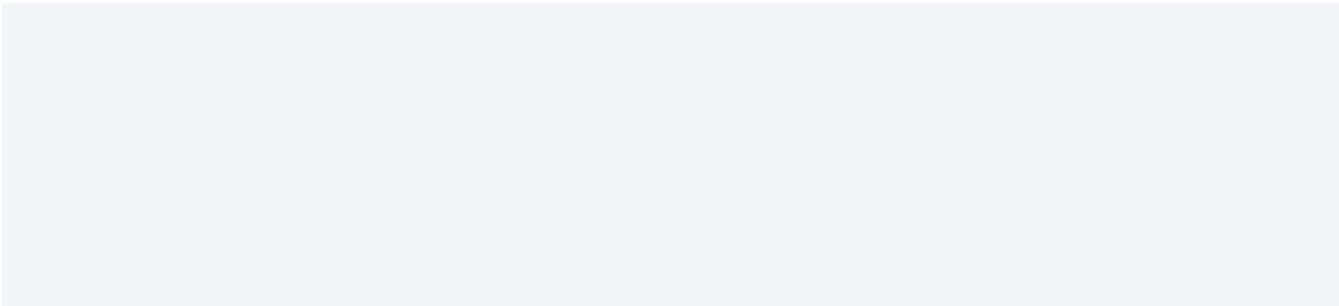
**Reuben Davidson**

MP for Christchurch East

Spokesperson for Economic Development; Science, Technology and Innovation  
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27 March 2026

**To whom it may concern,**

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Thomas Healey and his involvement in the proposed food forest initiative.

I have had the opportunity to engage with Thomas and have been impressed by his genuine enthusiasm for community-led projects and his commitment to creating positive, practical outcomes. He brings an energy and willingness to contribute that is valuable in initiatives like this, particularly those that rely on collaboration and sustained local engagement.

The concept of a food forest has the potential to deliver meaningful benefits for the community, including improved access to fresh food, opportunities for education, and stronger connections between people and place. Thomas' interest in supporting this work reflects a constructive and community-minded approach.

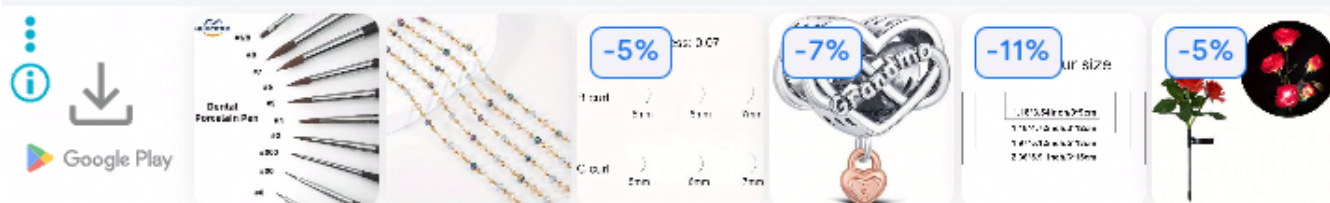
I am happy to support his efforts in this space.

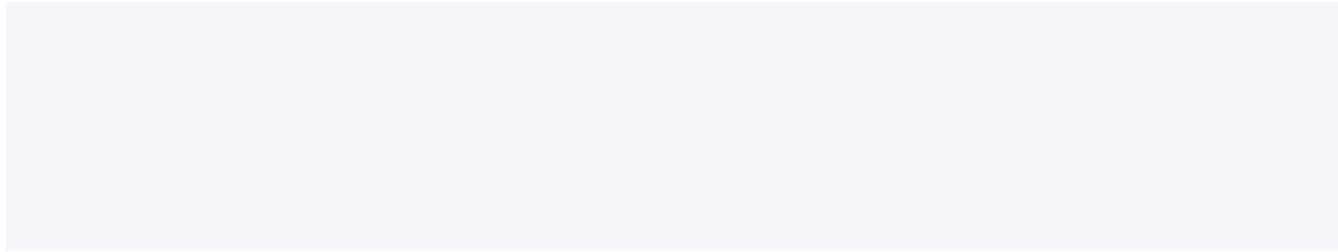
Warm regards,

**Tracey McLellan**  
List MP based in Banks Peninsula  
Junior Whip, Spokesperson for Corrections and Christchurch Issues



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20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Re: Fruit Forrest proposal

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to create a Fruit Forest in the Red Zone.

This project would transform unused land into a vibrant, community-focused space that promotes health, wellbeing, and environmental restoration.

A Fruit Forest would give residents free access to fresh, healthy food, encourage outdoor activity, and offer a peaceful green space that supports mental wellbeing. It would also create opportunities for learning, volunteering, and community connection across all ages.

Environmentally, the project supports biodiversity, improves air quality, and contributes to long-term climate resilience. It is an inspiring way to revitalise the Red Zone and deliver lasting benefits for the community.

I support this initiative and look forward to the positive impact it will bring.

Best wishes,

Dr Vanessa Weenink  
Member of Parliament for Banks Peninsula

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**VANESSA WEENINK**  
MP FOR BANKS PENINSULA

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11:03 AM

VoLTE 4G 93%



### Heathcote Valley Community



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💬 4



**Thomas Healey** ✓



Mar 6, 2024 · 🧑

Just had 2 of my tyres stabbed on Martindale's rd last night



👍 37

💬 5



11:08 AM

VoLTE 4G 94%



## Heathcote Valley Community



**Thomas Healey** ✓



Sep 6, 2022 · 🧑

Hi all I'm writing this to see if anyone saw my compost bin being taken I had 3 bins in the grassy area on [REDACTED] has been stolen next to the garages at the back of it



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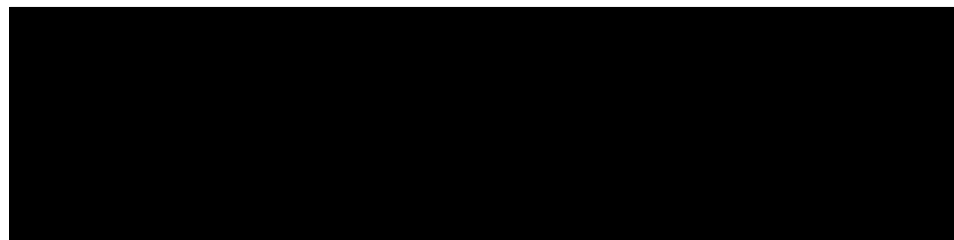


**Thomas Healey** ✓



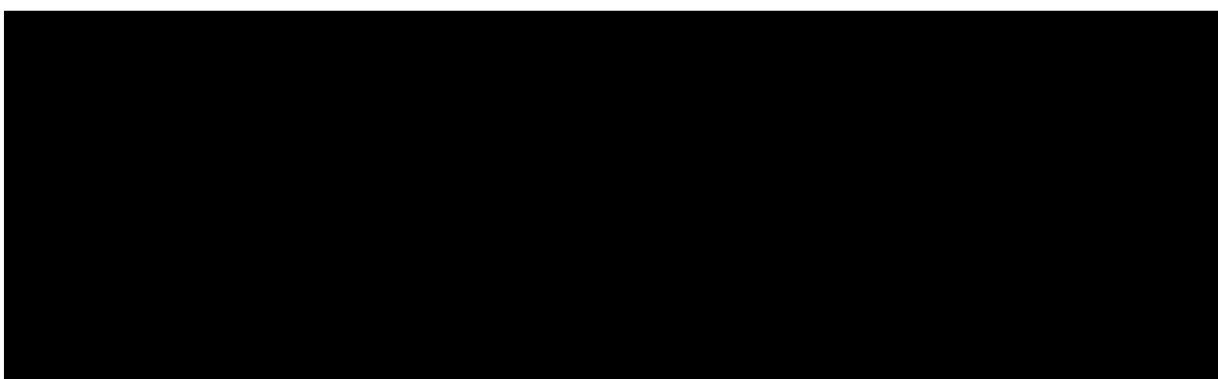
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## Heathcote Valley Community

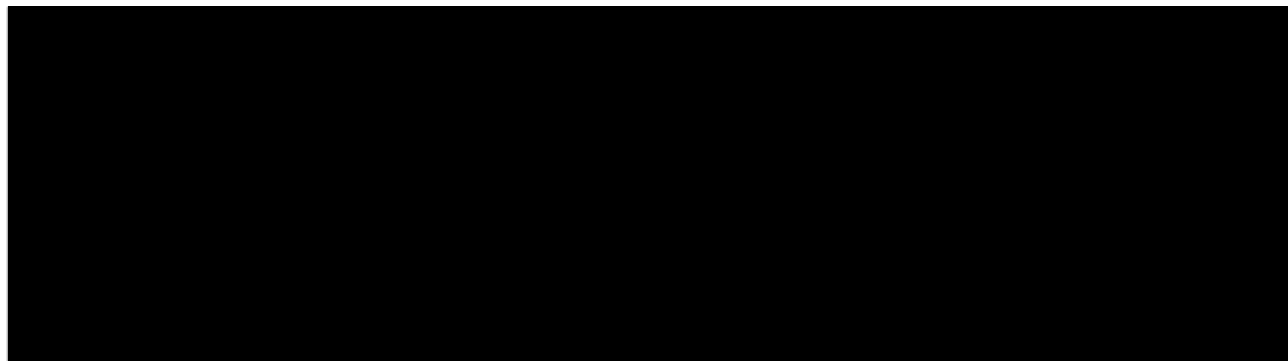


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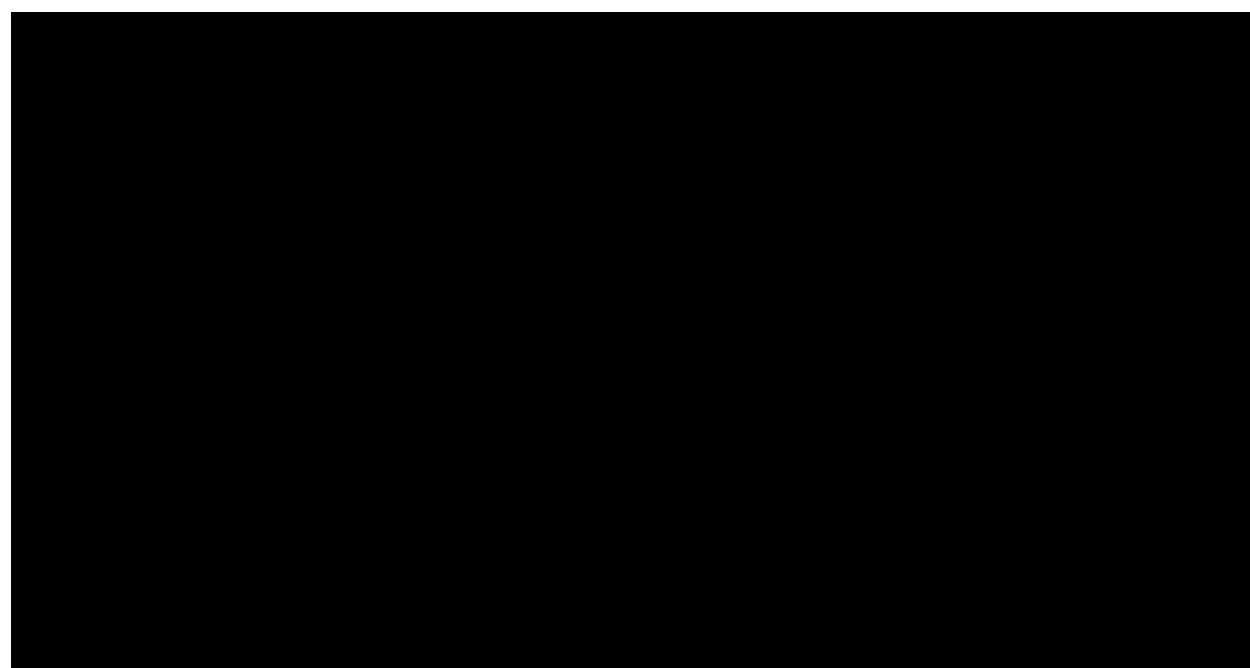
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#1395  
Thomas Healy  
11/04/2026.

Petition to not sale 8 martindales rd Heathcote valley but to turn it into a  
community garden

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Sammy Hurrell - [REDACTED]  
Valerian Griffiths - [REDACTED]  
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Cheryl Tozer - [REDACTED]  
Janine Allott [REDACTED]  
Kalib Kumeroa - [REDACTED]  
Amy Savelkoel - [REDACTED]  
Amy Cook = [REDACTED]  
Gregor Ged - [REDACTED]  
CHERRY DALY - [REDACTED]  
MARK SMITH - [REDACTED]  
Gael Macalquhann [REDACTED]  
Ray Cassin [REDACTED]  
Robin Fryer [REDACTED]  
Shanon Kaye [REDACTED]  
ANDY T COOMBS [REDACTED]  
Scott Emmens [REDACTED]  
Donna Apes [REDACTED]  
Wendy Kulpatrik [REDACTED]

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Vinicius Siqueira

Elizabeth Lane

Mike Coffy

Mitch Harding

Terril Gledhill

SANDIE KUDAY

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Pauline Brown

Douglas Brown

Mike Johnston

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Ruth McLean

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Trish Waters

Kate Frewin

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Ruby Harley

Kees de Vocht

John

Antea Wilson

Amelia Knight-Bare

JOHN MARSH

M.C. Duster

K. Morel

Genea Powick

Amelia Salheld

Linda Harrison

Dan Kelcher

Meira Newton

Chris Cubb

Lottie Kite

W. Horan

W Webster

Margaret Jenkin

Keith Jenkins

Christine Spanow

Dave Mitchell

Jenni. & Seede

Patricia Lane

Koa Marwick

Yvonne Jones

Paula McKerrow

Andrew Lyons

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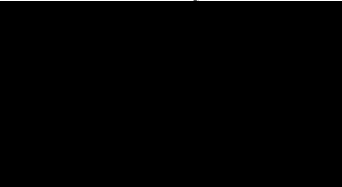
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Megan Gees  
Justin Good  
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Nicki Dorn



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Lynna  
Riley Mather  
Paulette Reedy  
Barbara Yaxley  
Jeanette Woodward  
A. Bauré  
H. MILES  
S. Johnson  
Daniel  
  
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Richard Cameron

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Brian Burnaby

T.W. Bradshaw.

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Mike Bare

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Ryem Neal [REDACTED]  
Judy Jeffrey [REDACTED]  
Diane Gallop [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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Becky Lock [REDACTED]  
Laura MacQueen [REDACTED]  
Lauren Al-Sammran [REDACTED]  
Michelle Mitchell [REDACTED]  
Amy Flaus [REDACTED]  
Jessie Flaus [REDACTED]



**WORD**  
CHRISTCHURCH  
FESTIVAL & EVENTS

**STEPH WALKER**    Executive Director

**VICKI BLYTH**        Chair

**KIA ORA!**



**2025:**

**62** FESTIVAL EVENTS  
**7** YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

**17** FREE EVENTS  
**17** DIFFERENT VENUES

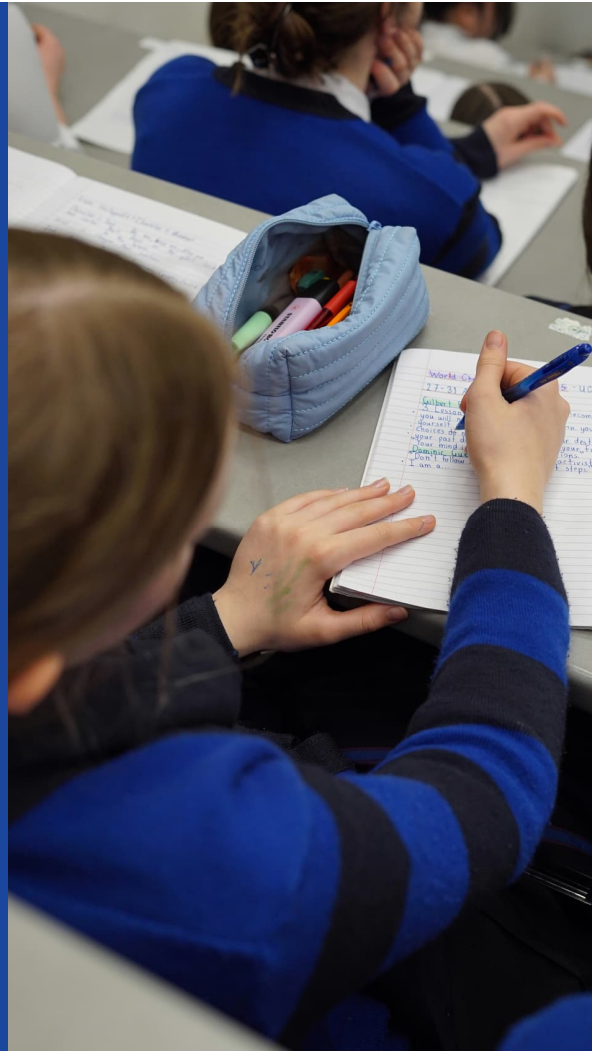
**154** WRITERS AND ARTISTS  
FROM **7** COUNTRIES

**12,689** ATTENDEES  
**32%** FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

**80%** OF OUR AUDIENCE SAID **WORD**  
IMPROVED THEIR PERCEPTION OF  
**CHRISTCHURCH AS A CULTURAL  
AND CREATIVE CITY**











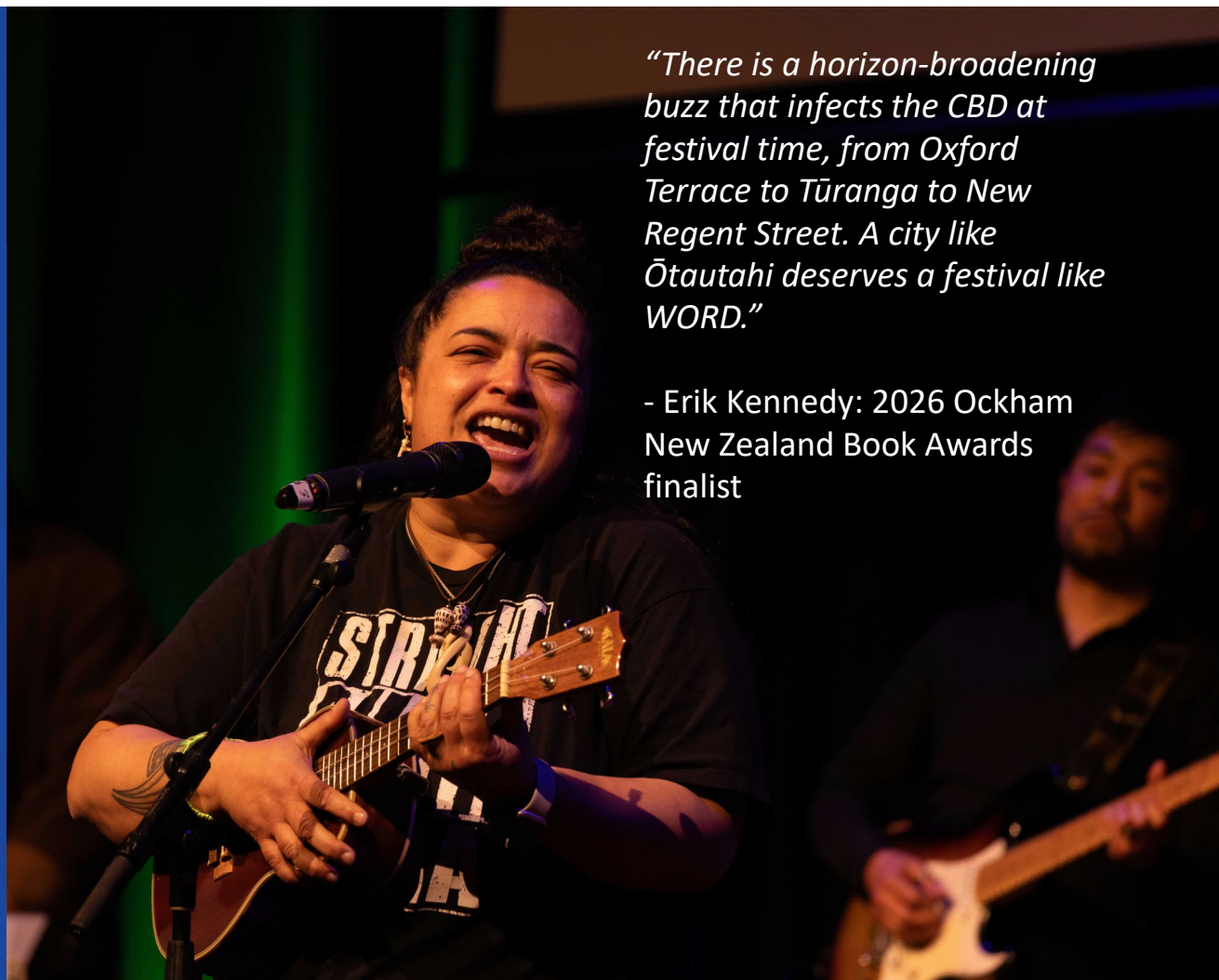
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*“There is a horizon-broadening buzz that infects the CBD at festival time, from Oxford Terrace to Tūranga to New Regent Street. A city like Ōtautahi deserves a festival like WORD.”*

- Erik Kennedy: 2026 Ockham  
New Zealand Book Awards  
finalist





**NGĀ MIHI NUI  
THANK YOU!**

**Opening Statement on long term Planning.**

#1768 Denis  
McMurry  
11/4/26

I strongly agree with and I would like to increase the amounts in some areas on long term spending: Climate Resilience, Contestable Community Grants, Environmental Partnerships, and the capital programme spending on Three Waters and in particular increased spending on Parks.

**Papanui Bush and its surrounds.**

This is my particular area of interest and I would like to think some of my ideas and experiences of working with the Community Board, Council, Community and various other interest groups could be passed on in developing parks and reserves in future.

**Sweet Spot.**

1. Develop a Papanui Bush Trust where money raised can go back into bush development. (see supporting document)
2. Give the Basin Historical Park status. (see supporting Booklet)
3. Convince the council to take over the last small part of the Basin.
4. Ensure as planned the removal of the Macrocarpa trees but also enhance the drain between the reserve and the school.
5. Ensure continued community and council liaison with drainage board, mowing, mulch release, Park Rangers and their continued help with the supply of native plants, planting, care release and valuable advice and coordinated planning of community planting days and care.
6. Develop and support an "Artist in Residence" for the Papanui Area.
7. Develop the area into a place of learning for the many current schools who visit this area.

**Conclusion**

To ensure by restoring a small part of our Cultural Heritage to the rapidly developing suburb of Papanui that may last for many generations into the future.

SOCIAL EQUITY AND  
WELLBEING NETWORK

# Protect Contestable Community Grants

Verbal Submission  
Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

Our position

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We support Option 1:

maintain contestable community grants at \$7.12 million.

SEWN supports community organisations across Ōtautahi through organisational development support, community research and advocacy.

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INTRODUCTION

## Who we are — and thank you

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- Thank you for your longstanding investment in community funding
- Social Equity and Wellbeing Network — formally known as the Council of Social Services
- Our submission draws on our many years of work with community groups from across the city, and on Weaving the East — in-depth interviews with 30+ community groups across the eastern suburbs, commissioned by CCC

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THE CASE

## What contestable grants actually fund

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- These grants keep community organisations operational — they are not extras
- Community centres, drop-in services, community lunches, local events & activities, newsletters, volunteer coordination, support services, emergency preparedness...
- They also fund work Council relies on but often doesn't resource separately:
  - Getting Council information to hard-to-reach communities
  - Supporting Council engagement
  - Bridging language and cultural barriers
  - Being a trusted community presence to bridge the gap with Council

THE CASE

## Community resilience

*You cannot build this infrastructure after a disaster happens.*

- Community organisations are the first-response layer when disasters hit — they were in the earthquakes, they were in COVID-19
- They are trusted, local, and already embedded — they reach people that formal systems can't
- Strong community networks are also how information and support reach people when systems are under pressure — this matters in an increasingly uncertain world
- When groups close, need doesn't disappear — it shifts to health, welfare, and emergency services
- This capacity — and the social cohesion it creates — is built through the everyday work of community groups across the city, funded by grants like these

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EVIDENCE

## What community groups told us

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*"We really are very grateful for that funding. The support they provide to our community organisations is really important."*

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*"It's an investment in resilience, in disaster preparedness, in community connection."*

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*"If people have that support from Council, they feel heard."*

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*"If that funding gets pulled away, groups end up going under — then you lose those community connectors."*

THE NUMBERS

## The numbers

Option 2 saves ratepayers

0.04%

off rates

\$356,100 saved in 2026/27

- For a community organisation receiving \$20,000, a 5% cut is \$1,000 — that is not a rounding error
- The saving is negligible for ratepayers.
- The cost to communities is not.

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CASE STUDY

## Southshore Residents' Association

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What SRA provides to Council — at no additional cost:

- Newsletter to every household — Council uses it any time, free
- Handles community questions that would otherwise go to Council
- Provides local knowledge Council would otherwise have to pay for
- Organises Coastal Ranger volunteer events — rangers show up, community does the rest
- Daily environmental monitoring — early warning on damage, flooding, vandalism
- Council doesn't need to build relationships with hundreds of residents. Southshore already has them.

CASE STUDY

# Southshore — community in action



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CASE STUDY

## Common Ground — South Brighton

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- South Brighton's post-earthquake vacant shopping centre site transformed by the community into Common Ground — a volunteer-led greenspace at the heart of the suburb
- Provides: community gathering space, community garden, book fridge, supports local coffee cart and regular Food Truck Fridays over summer
- Council staff have conducted community engagement at Common Ground events; Common Ground has gathered community voice to submit to Council
- Exploring food resilience projects ahead of potential fuel and supply chain disruption
- Without it: a derelict site, graffiti, rubbish, loss of community spirit
- This is community-led resilience

CASE STUDY

# Common Ground — South Brighton



CASE STUDY

# Common Ground — South Brighton



*"I moved to South Brighton, and I had minimal friends. I've never really gotten out there much. And what started as casual trips to the coffee shop turned into making new friends and that turned into helping out community wise like working bees and painting and community events and stuff like that. It means a lot to me because I finally feel like I fit in... I've never felt like I'm really important. Now I feel like I've found somewhere and I can be myself."*

Community member — young person

OUR ASK

# Maintain contestable grants at \$7.12 million

Support Option 1

Social Equity and  
Wellbeing Network  
[sewn.org.nz](http://sewn.org.nz)

## 01 Social infrastructure

Community organisations create immense value across the city — value that could not be replaced if lost.

## 02 They extend Council's reach

Reaching further into communities, building relationships, and saving Council time and money.

## 03 The cost is real

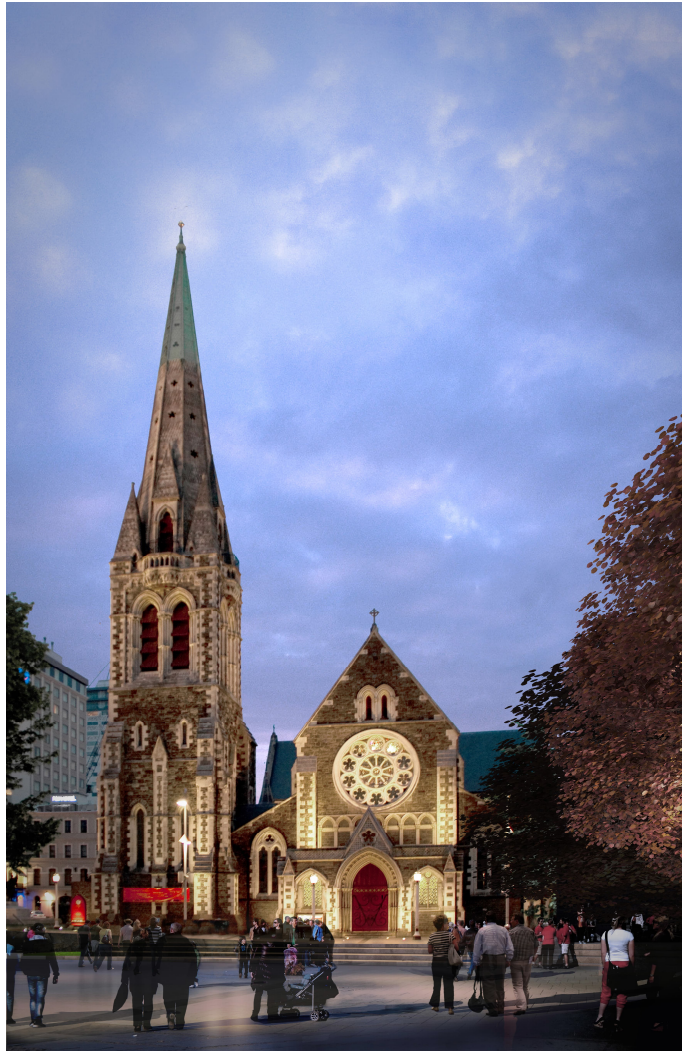
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*Thank you — happy to take questions.*

# Placeholder for Attachment G

Item 3.6

## **Christchurch East Labour Electorate Committee - Supporting Document**



# Reinstatement and Reopening of Christ Church Cathedral

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A Partnership for the Heart of Christchurch

## Diocese of Christchurch

### Bishop, Synod, Parishes

Leadership, mandate, and strategic alignment, representing the broader church and its relationship with the city of Christchurch.

### Cathedral Chapter

Responsible for Cathedral as a living building serving both worshipping and civic communities, and warmly welcoming visitors to the Cathedral, enhancing liveliness of Cathedral Square.

### Church Property Trustees

Property ownership and long-term asset stewardship, ensuring financial management and risk oversight with fiduciary discipline.

***United in the Cathedral's reinstatement, supported by a collective contribution of \$38m and commitment to a target of a further \$20m.***

## A Defining Civic and Heritage Landmark

For nearly 150 years, Christ Church Cathedral has stood as one of the most recognisable symbols of our city and region.

Located in the heart of our city, the Cathedral has served as a civic anchor around which city life has revolved.

As a Category 1 heritage building, the Cathedral represents an irreplaceable link to Christchurch's historical narrative.

Working with Heritage New Zealand, the Cathedral will achieve the National Historic Landmark Status.

***The Cathedral has always functioned as a shared civic asset – people of many faiths, and of none, have used and valued it as a place of gathering and cultural expression. When reinstated the Cathedral will once again contribute to the culture and daily activity of our city.***



## Completing Christchurch's Earthquake Recovery

More than a decade on from the Canterbury earthquakes, the continued absence of the Cathedral remains one of the most prominent symbols of incomplete recovery. Its reinstatement represents the final chapter in our city's earthquake journey.

Completing the reinstatement will reinforce confidence in the central city, providing a focal point for public life and civic rituals that have been displaced for many years. It honours long-term recovery commitments.

***A moment of collective closure and renewal,  
affirming the city's resilience and future.***



## Why Council Leadership Is Catalytic



### **Unlocks Philanthropy**

Many potential donors await a clear Council commitment before pledging further support.



### **Signals City Priority**

Council support sends a strong public signal aligning with strategic city objectives.



### **Restores Confidence**

Leadership at this stage counters recovery fatigue and renews public momentum.



### **Partnership Model**

Not funding alone – partnering visibly with the Church and the wider community.

***Council investment functions as a catalyst – providing confidence, legitimacy, and momentum that will multiply the impact of every dollar contributed.***

## Alignment with Council Objectives



### **Cathedral Square Revitalisation**

Reinforcing its role as the civic heart of Christchurch.



### **Heritage Protection**

Preserving character, continuity, and sense of place.



### **Economic Resilience**

Driving visitation, supporting tourism and retail activity.



### **Community Wellbeing**

A shared space open to all for civic, and cultural uses.

***A strategic investment advancing multiple Council priorities simultaneously.***

## Partnership in the 2026/27 Annual Plan and Long Term Plan

The joint request from the Anglican Diocese, Cathedral Chapter and Church Property Trustees is for Council to prioritise meaningful funding of \$30m.

In partnership and working together, with Council investment of \$30m alongside a \$15m coalition commitment, a \$20m Diocesan commitment, and philanthropic and community contributions - the Cathedral can be reopened by 2030.

***Restoring the civic, economic and spiritual  
heart of our city.***



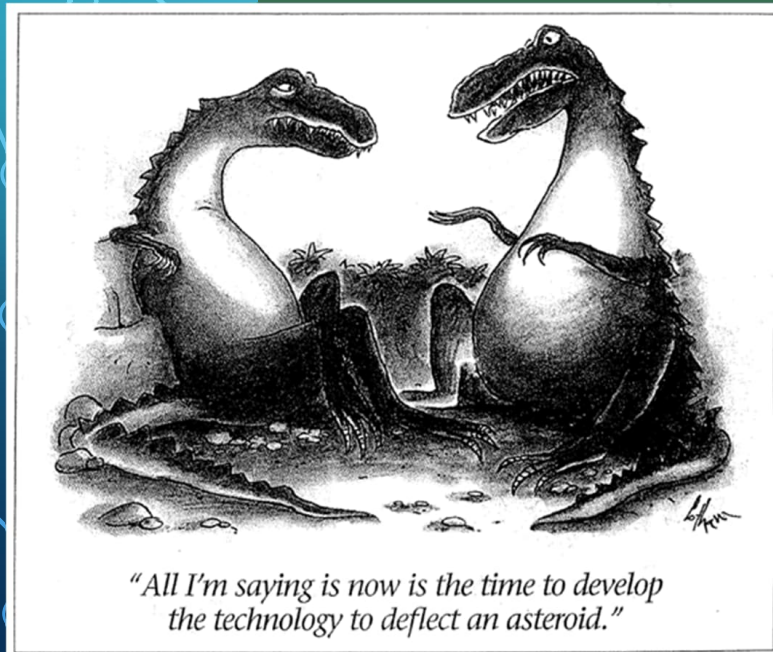
# VISION for an INSPIRATIONAL REVITALIZATION of OTAUTAHI-CHRISTCHURCH STAND UP for OUR CITY & REGION

Colin D Meurk ONZM

*Centre for Creative Transitions to Sustainable Futures*

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Submission to CCC ANNUAL PLAN



for my dear Carla forever



The asteroids are circling,  
look up & let's provide  
collective leadership  
out of this mess

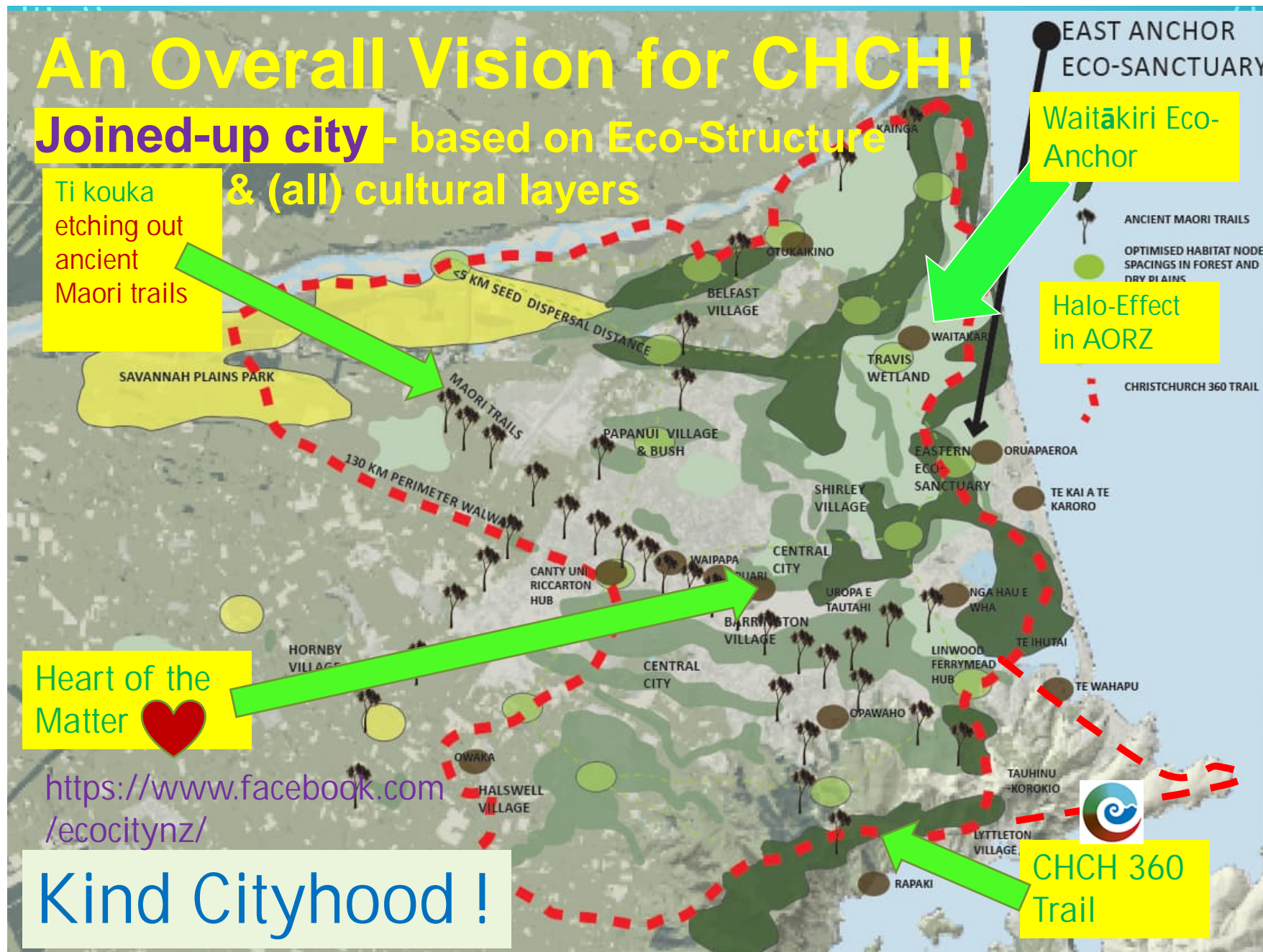
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# The WORLD'S a MESS – time to LEAD with creative, visionary intelligence & caring

- For decades, we've promoted a bolder innovative city to lead the world out of chaos – back to a kind, connected, calm, urban **civilisation!**
- Ōtautahi/Waitaha – is the place to be & yet we can be so much more! **Grab the opportunity** - but don't shoot ourselves in foot or kill the goose!
- Time for **Super South** councils to join & **Demand from Govt our share** of the pie (after a century of criminally skewed investment in dodgy northern geo-climate locations) – to fix the **Museum**, **Arts Centre**, **Provincial Govt House**, commuter rail, ...
- Interfaith historically **authentic CathedrAll Square**
- River symbolising **Te Tiriti** partnership
- **Eco-sanctuaries** for identity, ecological literacy & attraction – part of a National Park City
- Assemblies of music, art, progressive thinking, problem solving, planning/co-design; sculpture gardens; a spirit/mauri celebrated in Urban & other **Great Walks**
- Council-owned creatively managed hostel accommodation for homeless, students, strugglers – be welcoming .. **hold onto strategic assets** .. Selling Enable is insanity! BAU ain't going to work. But Prepare to Build a Real Joyful Future Together 😊.

## Warmly Received Presentations in Last 20 Years: to Service & Community groups, academics... **NOT JUST ME!**

- O Tatou Ngahere conference – Te Papa; Nut Point Gallery; CHS – Taitapu Sculpture Garden, Xeric Gardens 2006-2019; RHS – Putaringamotu; BHU, SOLA
- Marlborough F&B; Waimakariri DC; Canterbury Bot Soc & Art Gallery re tussocks; Eco-sanctuary Trust
- NZ Institute of Forestry; Urban Forest Futures; Russley Probus Club
- Ōpāwa-St Martins Garden Club; Auckland Unitech – landscape architecture students; SOLA – 2021;
- **Regenerate Christchurch report for** James Lundy; CWEA – NPC; Redcliffs Community & Friends of Mt Herbert & SAGE & NZ Geographic Society – NPC; U3A; Tuesday Club; CHCH Env'tal Network;
- CHCH Quakers; Springston Garden Club (2006); Banks Lecture (2006); Otago Bot Soc; Greening Waipara; Auckland City Council (open space planning 2007); Kaikoura Biodiversity Bonanza (2010); U3A (rebirth 2011); Seismics (Crunch City 2013; and Canterbury Sustainable Business Forum); Friends of Botanic Gardens (2015, 2018); VIVA (2016); Auckland City – Nature-Culture Hui 2016; CHCH South Rotary – reimagining ChCh 2017); Regenerate CHCH Design Workshop 2017; NZPCN 2017; CWEA Redreaming 2017; Cashmere Garden Club 2018; Pegasus U3A 2018; Matapopore – 2017-2019; CHCH Fabian Society 2019; Lincoln Uni 2019; CHCH Urban Restoration Workshop 2019; Canterbury – turning point 2019; Ecology & Culture in Design 2019; Interfaith 2020; Ellesmere U3A 2021 & U3A; CHCH Ecology Group 2021; The Nature of Cities 2021; Avon-Ōtakaro Forest Park 2021; Greening the Red Zone AGM 2021; U3A Okeover 2022; NZIOS 2022.
- Colin is on numerous councils, trusts, advisory and steering groups (ECan Biosecurity), for urban great walks, eco-literacy, teaching, and mentoring. He has received a Christchurch Civic Award, Loder Cup, Ecology in Action Award (NZ Ecological Society), Golden Foot Award (<http://christchurch360trail.org.nz/>), supreme Horticultural Design award (2012 Ellerslie International Flower Show), & most recently an ONZM.



This was our Athens ! Preserve Authentic Ruins - our tangible History! If the ancient Greeks & Romans had bulldozers, there would be no ruins!

Elevated Platform for Plane Table in silhouette spire above stabilised ruins - Revealing Pathways of Light & Unity

To the "Heart of the Matter" in Central Square

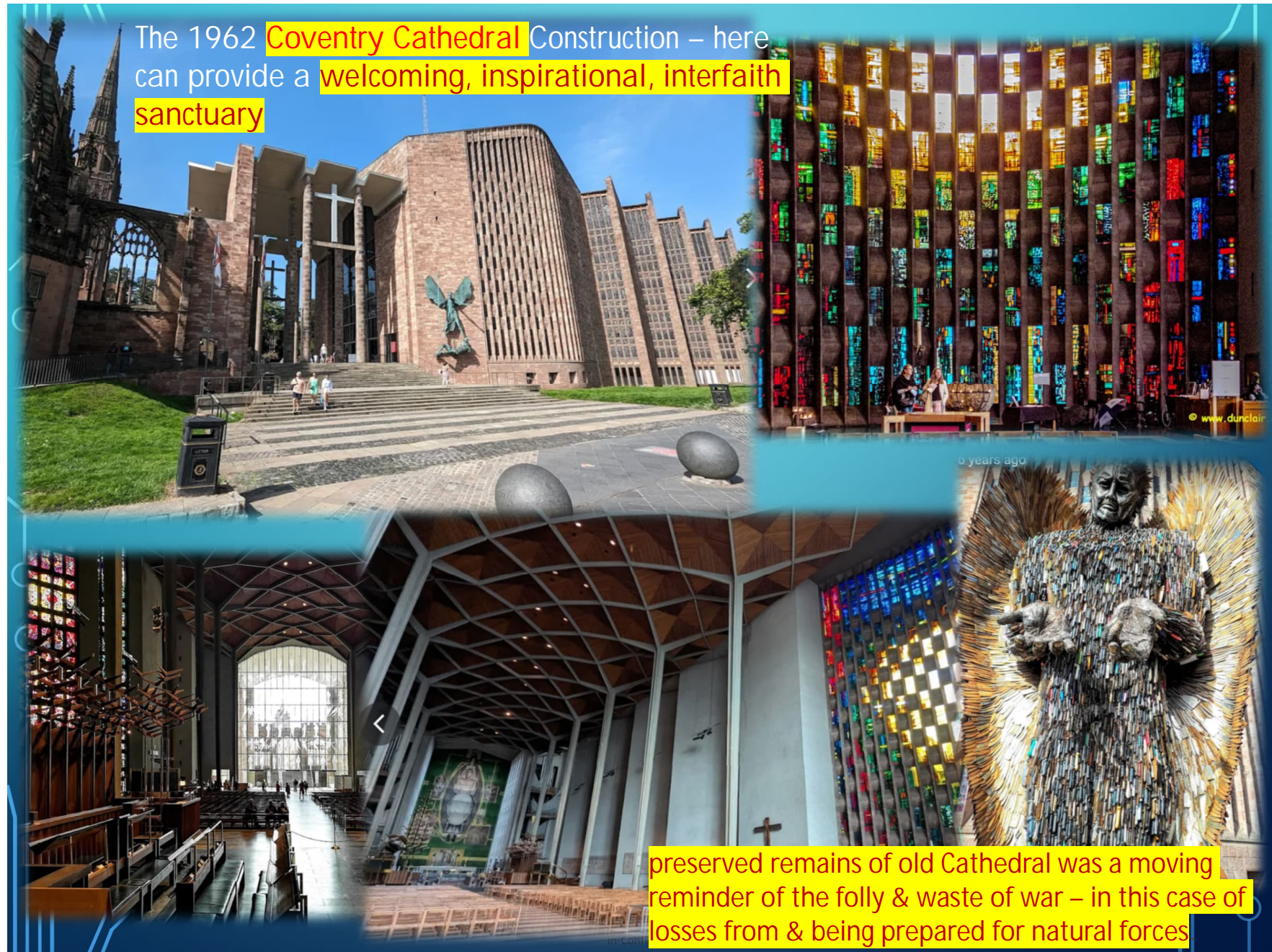
Genbaku Dome

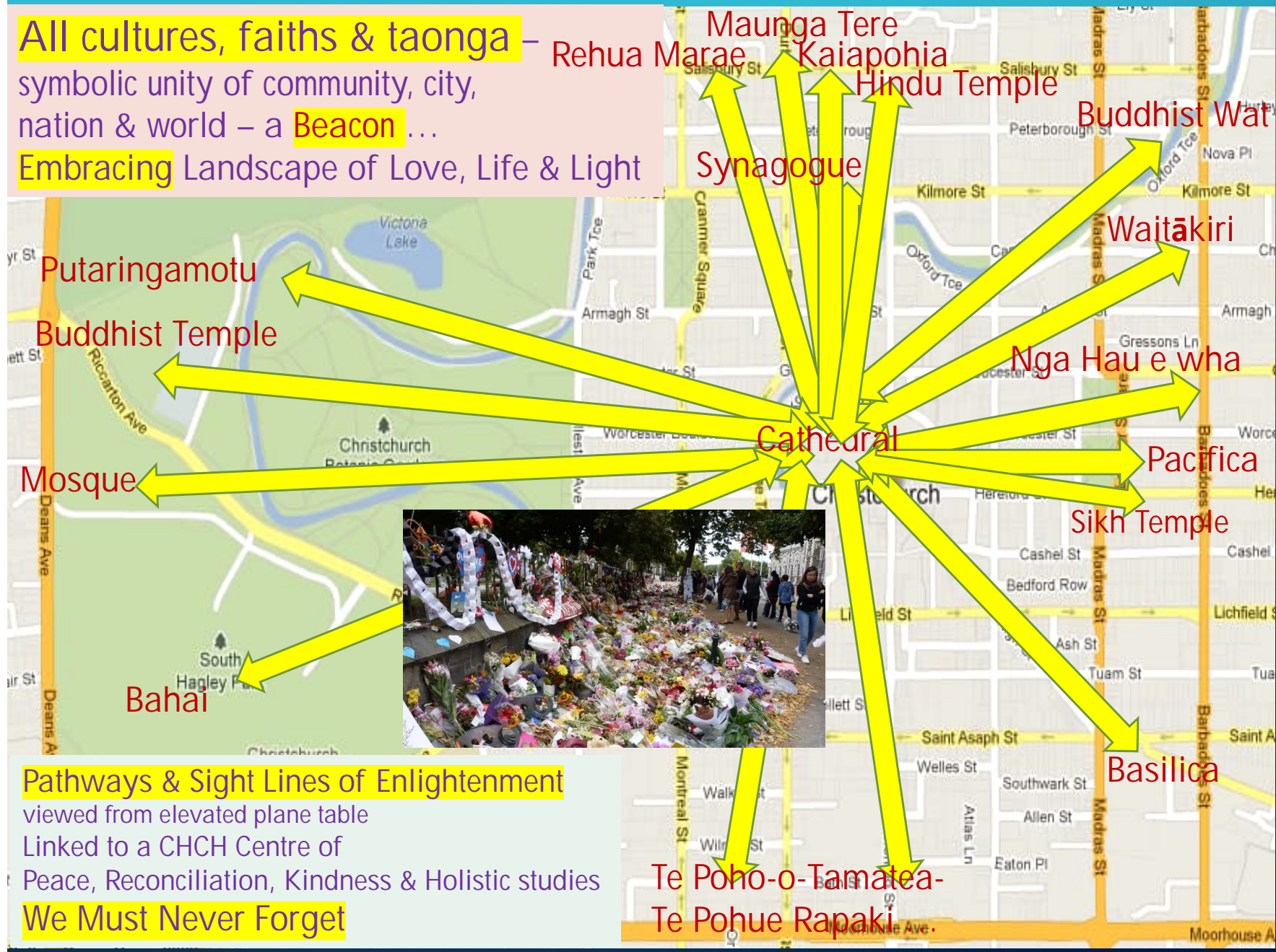
Model for Preserving true history

Coventry Cathedral

visitors drawn to city's destruction







## All Heritage Layers reflected in Heart of City (Cityhood)

- Geo-tectonic history
- Canterbury Bush City (all Canterbury habitats)
- Tangata Whenua
- Colonial Cathedral (Coventry model) & 1<sup>st</sup> 4 ships
- Multi-cultures/Multi-Faith & taonga – a fusion

All valid parts of  
Historical Tapestry

Time travel through  
natural layers of city -  
with Maori & Colonial  
Reflections

All at the Heart – not  
out the back, out of  
sight, out of mind!

&

Adjacent  
Inspirational  
Interfaith  
Cathedral - an  
architectural  
wonder



# BUSH CITY CANTERBURY – CENTREPIECE as per Te Papa



Tenille Pickett

Rewi Couch

Encapsulating the Natural Habitats/Heritage of Canterbury, the braided river pattern of the Plains & its Cultural meaning



# Weaving Strands criss-crossing the inner city Ōtākaro Symbolising Strength of Te Tiriti Partnership & Respecting Distinctiveness & Mana ... of



**Re-Visit** a Tangible Representation of the Strength  
of our True History – in **the Water Mark**

# Ellerslie International Flower Show Experience Supreme Award



Atua

Forest Bathing

Green lungs for  
small spaces

Path  
cracks

Cultural  
harvest

Treatment  
Train

Tapestry  
lawn

Urban Matrix of fine scale  
Canterbury nature - a Model  
for gardens & pocket parks

Expand the Palette of  
Our Natural Heritage &  
push back the  
biodiversity crisis

On a meaningful journey – First urban Great Walk in NZ – promote to world ... the pilgrimage, hikoi, shinrin yoku ...



Connects people to our amazing nature;  
Builds place-making, well-being, & ecological literacy in slow tourism; we are not a transit stop!

Just finished another 6 days of **CHCH360Trail** with enthralled walkers

## PRIORITIES – Time is Running Out!

- **Museum** – central govt funding from tourism/fairness fund – it's our turn – DON'T SELL OUR FAMILY SILVER for QUICK BUCK, LONG TERM POVERTY, & fake history!
- **Arts Centre & Provincial Chambers**
- **Cathedrall Square on Coventry model** – that embraces our natural & cultural heritage & diversity – and will cost less in \$ & C
- **ChCh360trail promotion** – 1<sup>st</sup> Urban Great Walk (slow tourism of the future); declare basket fungus to be the **National Stadium!**
- ECan park & **eco-sanctuary** as part of 1st **National Park City**
- Most of all – **Citizen Assemblies**/town&gown think tanks to co-design sustainable exciting futures – we have the talent ... open the door please!
- Have been requesting these for decades & ignored – we are facing existential crises & we have to think outside the Square, be informed, prepared, seek joy in nature & culture, provide national & global **leadership** ... If ignored again I'll hand back my Civic Award - as reality collapses around us :-0.



# TE PAPA HAUORA

*The future of health*



## Te Papa Hauora

Whiria te tāngata.  
Weave the people together.

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## Te Papa Hauora Christchurch Health Precinct

We submit a request for \$15,000 for signage in the Te Papa Hauora Health Precinct.

Purpose: to raise the profile of the precinct as an integral part of Christchurch's education, community and commercial infrastructure.

At present, the Health Precinct is invisible, despite the critical role it plays in the community. Signage would ameliorate this situation.

We have been advised by Christchurch City Council staff that to secure funding, we need to go through the formal annual planning process, hence this submission.



## Te Papa Hauora Christchurch Health Precinct

Te Papa Hauora is a development precinct given statutory effect through the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan (CCRP).

Te Papa Hauora is a strategic partnership between Canterbury's major tertiary education and health institutions, working together with representation from Ngāi Tūāhuriri. These institutional anchors recognise that collectivising their interests in the Canterbury health system creates a range of opportunities for collaboration and innovation.

The Te Papa Hauora Advisory Council (est 2014) provides oversight to the coordination and facilitation of health education, research and innovation activities in Te Papa Hauora Health Precinct, and beyond as appropriate, to achieve the purpose of the collaboration.



**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

**UC**  
UNIVERSITY OF  
CANTERBURY  
Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha  
CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

 **University  
of Otago**  
ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

  
**Ara**  
Institute of Canterbury  
Ara rau, taumata rau

 **TE PAPA  
HAUORA**  
The future of health

## Te Papa Hauora Christchurch Health Precinct

The Health Precinct is a unique, dynamic and collaborative environment, a thriving campus where those within health, across its many areas, can easily converge, chat and connect.

### Within the Precinct



Christchurch Hospital, the largest tertiary, teaching and research hospital in the South Island, Christchurch Women's Hospital and Christchurch Outpatients.



Three world-class tertiary institutions, offering a wide range of undergraduate and post graduate health programmes with pathways for career progression.



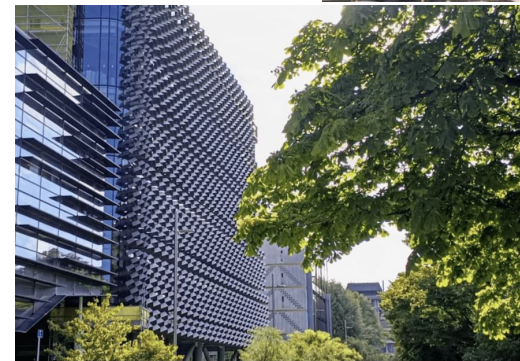
Centres of research excellence, such as the NZ Brain Research Institute, Christchurch Heart Institute, Child Well-being Research Institute and numerous specialist research groups.



An endless pool of talent, students, researchers, educators and health professionals, Canterbury is renowned for its high-quality research, education and healthcare.



Manawa – Ara, University of Canterbury & Health NZ



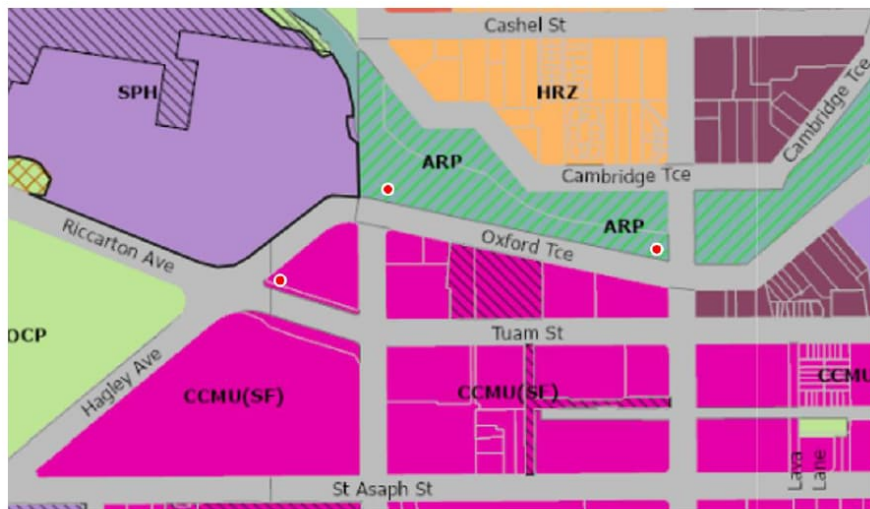
Wai-Ora - University of Otago



## Te Papa Hauora Christchurch Health Precinct – Wayfinding Signage

Designation/ Planning framework

The approximate locations of the three signs (two gateway signs and one central directional wayfinding sign) are represented as red dots on the image below, which shows the extent of the zoning and designations from the District Plan.



- Specific Purpose (Hospital)
- Central City Mixed Use Zone (South Frame)
- Avon River Precinct (Te Papa Otakaro)
- Transport
- Designation
- Proposed locations for signage



1 remaining original sign in the South Frame



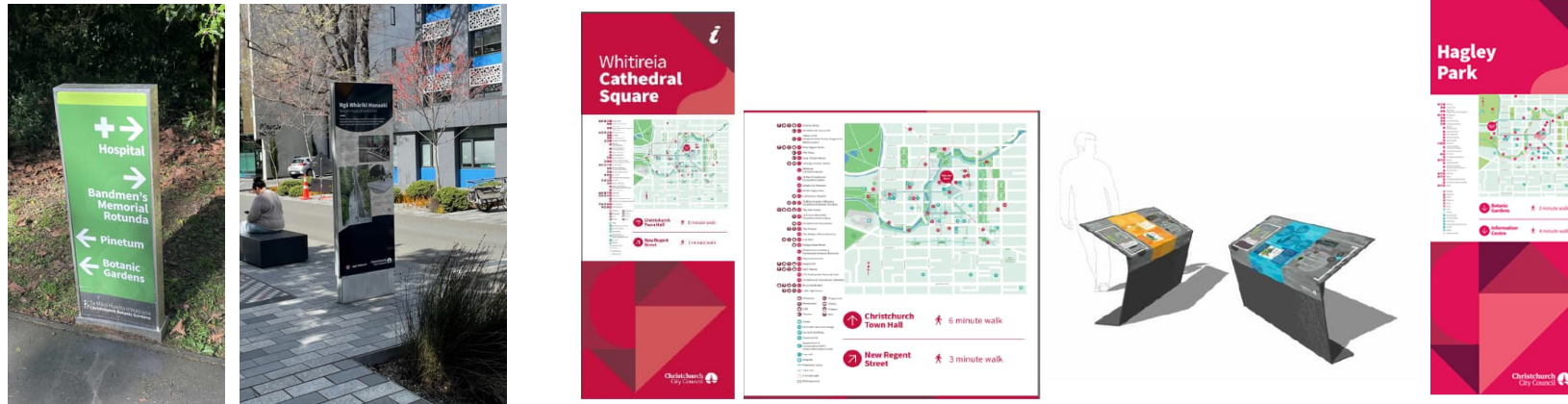
## Te Papa Hauora Christchurch Health Precinct – Wayfinding Signage (CCC Info)

	6.8.4.2.4 Signs attached to buildings		6.8.4.2.6 Free-standing signs		
Zones	Max total area of signs per building	Max height above ground level at top of sign	Number of signs per site	Max total area of signs	Max height above ground level at top of sign
Avon River Precinct (Te Papa Otakaro)	2m <sup>2</sup>	4m or façade height, whichever is lower	1 (for each formed vehicle access) and,  1 (for each formed pedestrian entrance (refer to rules for details))	1m <sup>2</sup> per sign	4 metres
Central City Mixed Use Zone (South Frame)	Length along primary building frontage (m) x 0.5m.	9 metres or façade height, whichever is lower	1 (for each formed vehicle access) and,  1 (for each formed pedestrian entrance (refer to rules for details))	<b>Relating to pedestrian entrances</b>  <b>Max width: 1m</b> <b>Max total area: 2m<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Max height: (above ground level at top of sign) 2m</b>	<b>Relating to vehicle entrances</b>  <b>Max width: 2.5m</b> <b>Max total area: 18m<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Max height: (above ground level at top of sign) 9m</b>
Specific Purpose (Hospital)	No limit on number and area of signs provided they are related solely to a hospital	12 metres or façade height, whichever is lower	No limit on signs provided they are related solely to a hospital.	<p><b>Sign/Signage</b> means any device, graphic or display of whatever nature visible from a public place, for the purposes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. identification of, and provision of information about, any activity, <b>site</b> or <b>building</b>;</li> <li>b. providing directions;</li> <li>c. promoting goods, services or forthcoming events; or</li> <li>d. containing a message directed at the general public, whether temporary or otherwise</li> </ul> <p>A sign or signage may be three-dimensional or otherwise, that is, manufactured, painted, written, printed, carved, embossed, inflated, projected onto or otherwise fixed to or attached upon any external surface of any <b>building</b> or, in the open, on any <b>site</b>, wall, pole, hoarding or structure, or onto any rock, stone, tree or other object. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. any method of illumination, whether by an internal or external non-neutral light source;</li> <li>f. any sign displayed upon any parked vehicle and/or trailer for the express purpose of directing attention to any activity, <b>site</b> or <b>building</b>; and</li> <li>g. any tethered balloon of more than 0.5m in diameter.</li> </ul>	



## Te Papa Hauora Christchurch Health Precinct – Wayfinding Signage

We propose 2 small signs at two entry points to the Precinct, with a potential larger wayfinding sign more centrally.







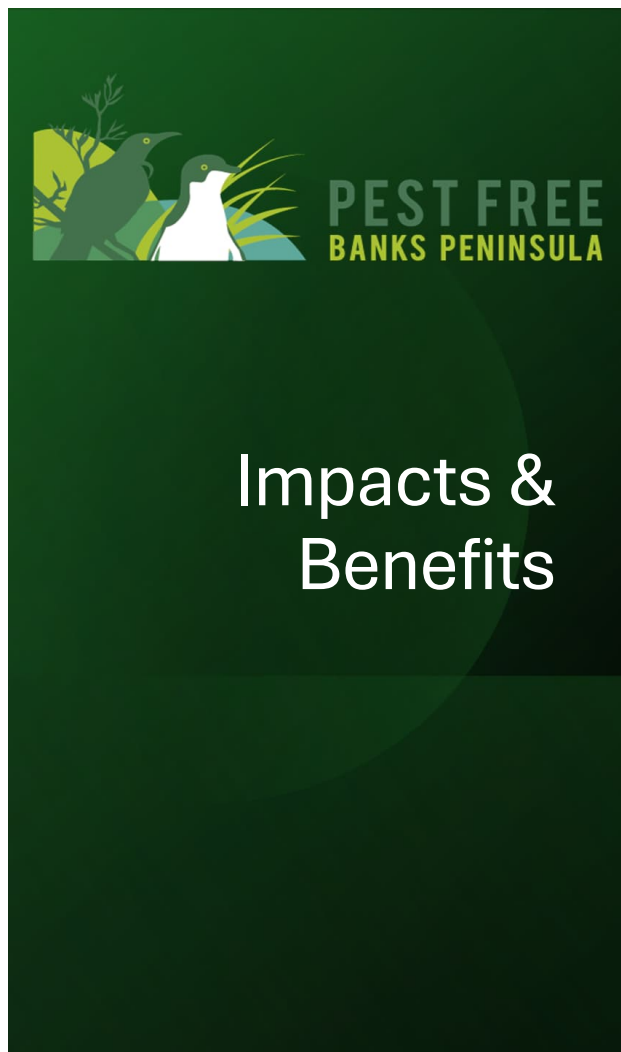
- Eliminated possums from Akaroa and surrounding area (6,000 ha) with elimination of possums from over 7,500ha forecast for 30 June 2026
- Eliminated ferrets from Kaitorete (5,500ha) without toxins (with elimination of possums and hedgehogs forecast by 30 June 2026)
- Developed an 80-day, 500ha possum elimination blueprint



- Eliminated feral goats (45,000ha) south of Gebbies Pass
- On track to eliminate feral pigs (20,000ha) south of Gebbies Pass – will be the first proof of concept for feral pig elimination in New Zealand

- Distilled operational learnings that have enabled increased rates of progress and efficiencies
- Developed an effective proof of absence monitoring framework
- Shared knowledge to increase capacity of community groups

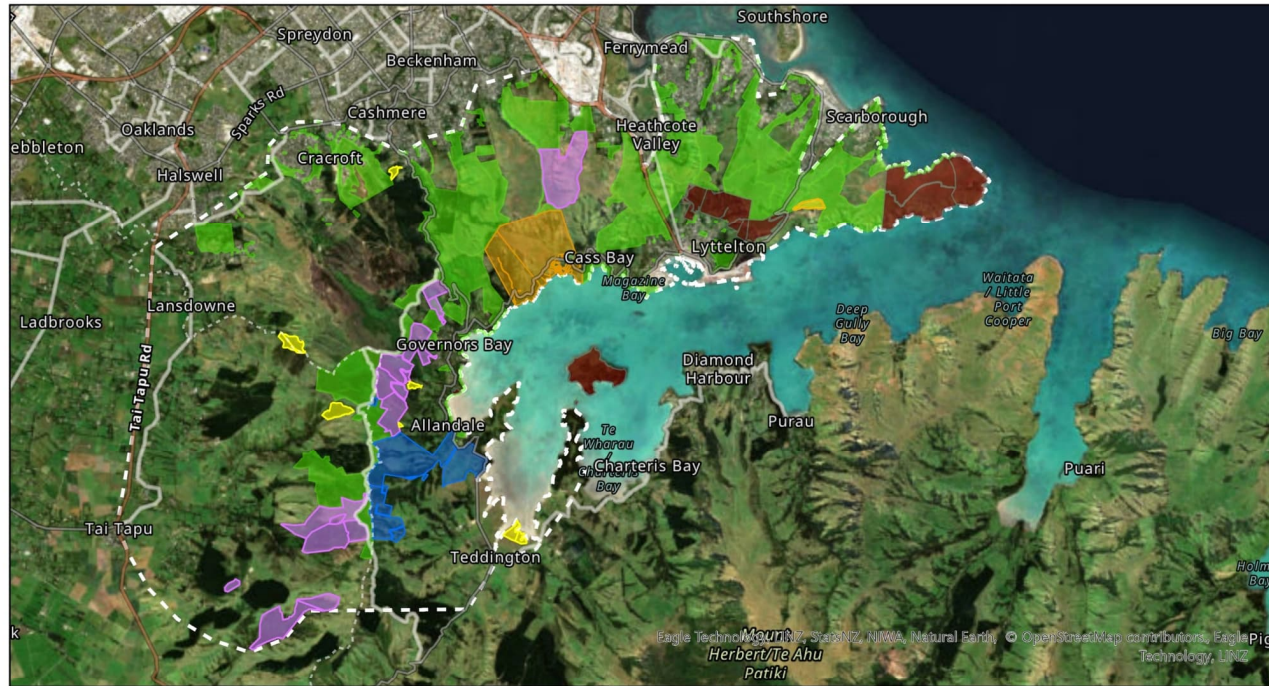




- Making Banks Peninsula pest free is an ambitious and challenging goal; it is a bold, complex and world-leading project
- Christchurch City Council is a foundation partner - the partnership has grown to 24 project partners enabling multi-partner collaboration between agencies, landowners, hapu and communities
- Council's investment enables financial leveraging of 1:15, providing exceptional financial benefit to ratepayers
- The project has generated \$10,000 in social value per volunteer per year
- The positive benefits of the project to the community and landowners includes increases to:
  - Local and international tourism expenditure
  - Bird populations and carbon sequestration
  - Productivity to farmers in recovered stock units, disease control and decreased fire risk
  - Physical and mental health
- Our ambition is that Christchurch becomes the South Island's first pest free city – ambitious, but feasible
- Pest Free Banks Peninsula is an excellent example of the classic dilemma – no one entity, agency or group can achieve pest elimination on their own, but by working as a partnership, we are showing that it can be achieved

TE KĀKAHU KAHUKURA

Protected Land Areas



Legend

- Living Springs
- Rāpaki Māori Trust Land
- BPCT Covenants TTK
- QEII Covenants TTK
- DOC Conservation Area
- DOC Reserve
- CCC Parks TTK
- TTK Project Area

Area Type	Area (Hectares)	Percentage Coverage%
TKK Total Area	13796	N/a
Public Land (CCC + DOC)	3065	22%
Maori Reserve Land	304	2%
Private Land	10731	78%
Protected Land	4253.81	31%

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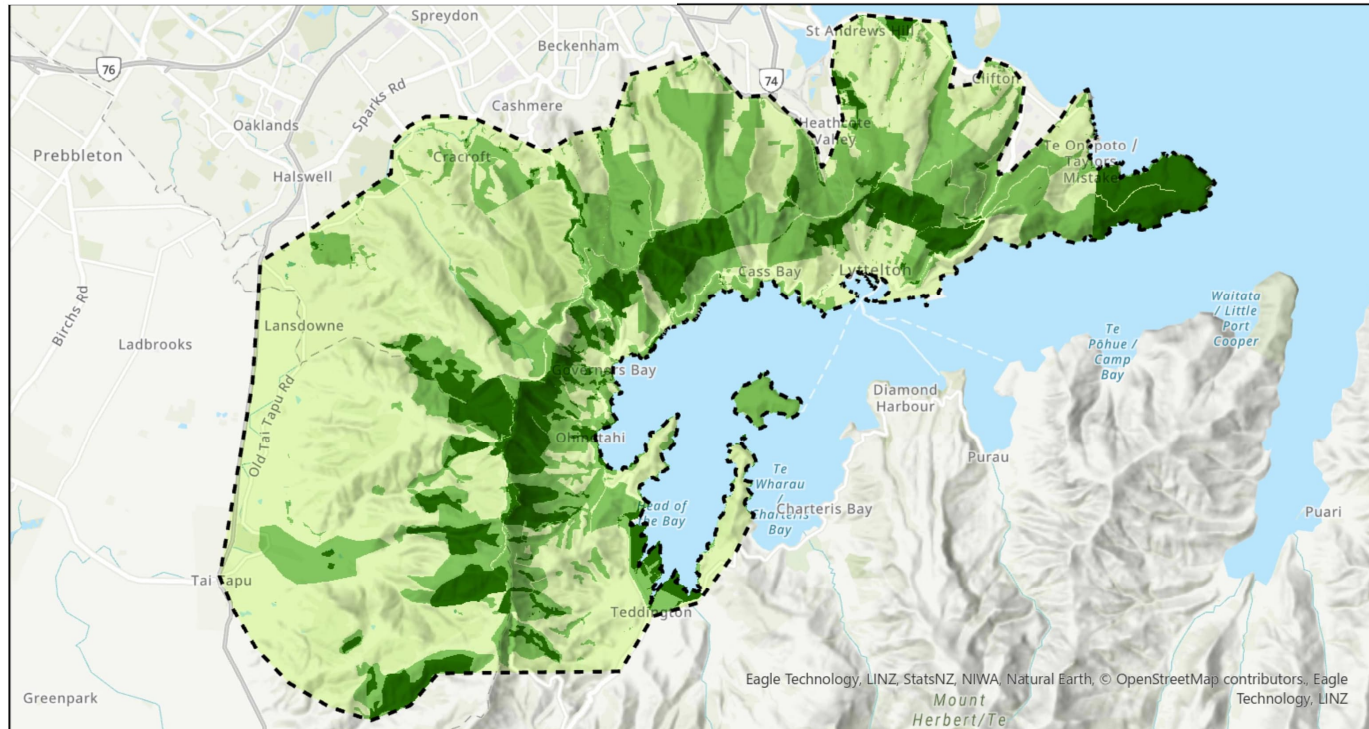


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**TE KĀKAHU KAHUKURA**

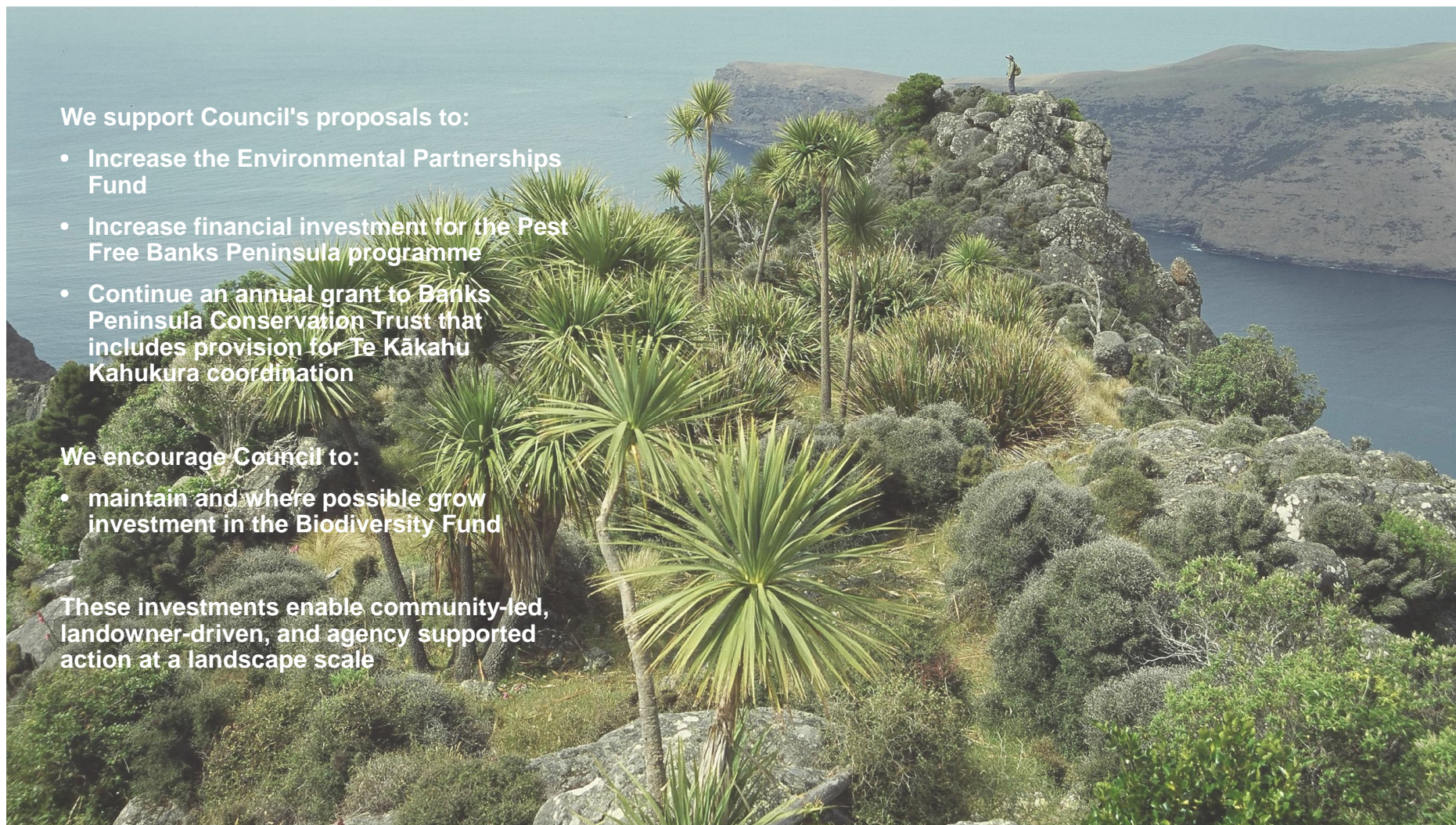
Port Hills Wildfire Prioritisation



Ecological Value Assessment

Legend

- TKK Project Area
- Lower Ecological Value
- Moderate Ecological Value
- Highest Ecological Value



We support Council's proposals to:

- Increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund
- Increase financial investment for the Pest Free Banks Peninsula programme
- Continue an annual grant to Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust that includes provision for Te Kāhahu Kahukura coordination

We encourage Council to:

- maintain and where possible grow investment in the Biodiversity Fund

These investments enable community-led, landowner-driven, and agency supported action at a landscape scale

# Thoughts on the Annual Plan

## Presentation to the Christchurch City Council

### Stephen Wood, April 2026

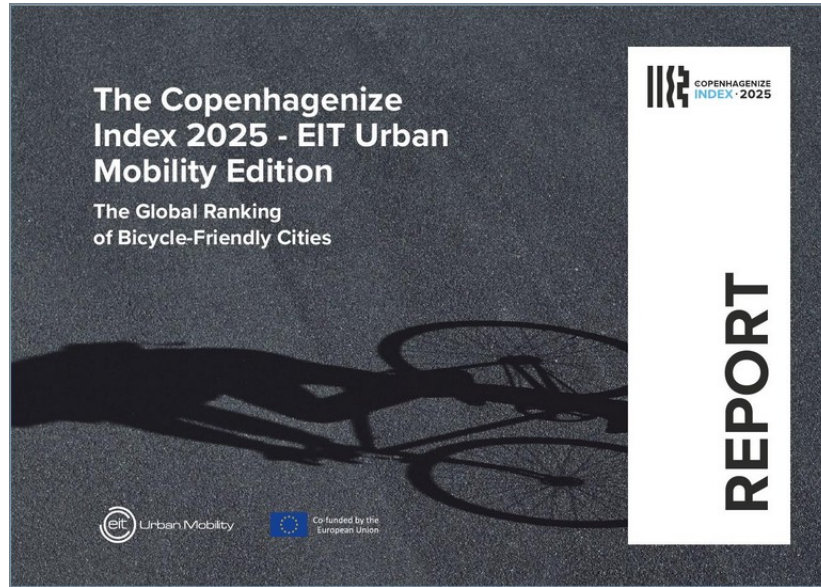
Figure 1. Ōtautahi Christchurch and Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Transport Network 2024



## Main points

- Build for all road users: drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, children, elderly, people with disabilities
- Safe system approach is still the way to go, reduce consequences of drivers making errors. EVIDENCE
- Focus areas, intersections, schools, community facilities, residential streets, safe crossings, shared zones, ...
- Aim for a connected cycle network (MCRs+local links) AND improve other roads to be better shared.
- Quick build cycle infrastructure doesn't have to be sub-par
- Build for transport choice. Win-win-win. Resilience!
- A "15-minute city" isn't a bad thing.

# “Copenhagenize” ranking 2025



	Pillar	Focus	Indicators	Purpose
Inputs	Safe & Connected Infrastructure	Tangible delivery of cycling conditions and network design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bicycle infrastructures</li> <li>• Bicycle parking areas</li> <li>• Traffic calming</li> <li>• Safety</li> </ul>	Measures what cities build – the physical investments and design standards that enable safe, continuous cycling.
Outputs	Usage & Reach	Real-world outcomes of cycling policy and infrastructure provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bicycle modal share</li> <li>• Modal share growth</li> <li>• Women's share of bicycle trips</li> <li>• Bike share systems</li> <li>• Cargo bikes</li> </ul>	Measures what people do – how much, how often and by who cycling is practiced in daily life.
Enablers	Policy & Support	Institutional, political, and cultural conditions that sustain progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political commitment</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Image of the Bicycle</li> <li>• Urban Planning</li> </ul>	Measures what makes progress possible – governance, funding, planning and public perception that drive long-term change.

1	Christchurch (38)	48.0	37.9	39.7	76.5
2	Taipei (39)	47.4	47.0	49.7	45.8
3	Wellington (47)	44.2	39.7	31.8	74.3
4	Fukuoka (48)	43.3	24.9	48.2	56.9
5	Seoul (58)	40.6	45.8	33.1	41.0

## ASIA & OCEANIA

A vast region marked by diverse contexts and approaches to bicycle urbanism. In Oceania, New Zealand cities emerge as top performers, thanks to a comprehensive cycling policy framework. However, recent political shifts and tighter budgets have introduced uncertainty in infrastructure investment, raising concerns about long-term momentum. In Asia, Japanese cities display a mature, deeply ingrained cycling culture, with steady and relatively high modal shares sustained over decades. Policies emphasize safety, public health, and support for an aging population, recognizing cycling as an everyday utility mode. Unlike Europe, Japan's infrastructure model favors shared pedestrian-cycling paths and on-carriageway lanes, a distinctive yet functional system adapted to local urban density and behavior.

# “Copenhagenize” Top 50 2025

## Ranking 2025

			Overall Rank	Overall Score	Safe & Connected Infrastructure Pillar Score	Usage & Reach Pillar Score	Policy & Support Pillar Score
EU	Netherlands	<b>Utrecht</b>	<b>1</b>	71,1	67,1	64,4	79,2
EU	Denmark	<b>Copenhagen</b>	<b>2</b>	70,8	73,8	65,2	76,6
EU	Belgium	<b>Ghent</b>	<b>3</b>	67,6	59,2	66,1	83,1
EU	Netherlands	<b>Amsterdam</b>	<b>4</b>	66,6	68,7	66,5	62,4
EU	France	<b>Paris</b>	<b>5</b>	65,0	70,8	73,1	56,4
EU	Finland	<b>Helsinki</b>	<b>6</b>	64,9	60,2	58,3	80,3
EU	Germany	<b>Münster</b>	<b>7</b>	64,7	56,2	61,8	80,3
EU	Belgium	<b>Antwerp</b>	<b>8</b>	64,4	51,2	75,4	63,9
EU	France	<b>Bordeaux</b>	<b>9</b>	62,9	53,7	69,7	65,1
EU	France	<b>Nantes</b>	<b>10</b>	62,8	55,3	65,2	68,4
EU	Germany	<b>Bonn</b>	<b>11</b>	61,4	50,1	69,9	64,6
EU	Netherlands	<b>The Hague</b>	<b>12</b>	61,0	55,8	62,3	65,6
EU	France	<b>Strasbourg</b>	<b>13</b>	60,3	54,2	56,3	73,0
EU	France	<b>Lyon</b>	<b>14</b>	58,9	53,4	52,2	77,0
NA	Canada	<b>Montréal</b>	<b>15</b>	58,3	49,2	60,1	70,5
EU	Sweden	<b>Malmö</b>	<b>16</b>	57,7	50,9	63,5	59,5
EU	Germany	<b>Munich</b>	<b>17</b>	57,6	54,1	57,5	57,8
EU	Norway	<b>Oslo</b>	<b>18</b>	57,2	45,2	50,6	76,3
EU	Austria	<b>Vienna</b>	<b>19</b>	56,7	55,1	55,0	66,7
EU	Switzerland	<b>Bern</b>	<b>20</b>	56,4	43,2	64,4	61,2
EU	Austria	<b>Graz</b>	<b>21</b>	55,8	49,1	52,7	71,6
EU	Switzerland	<b>Zurich</b>	<b>22</b>	55,7	45,3	48,0	74,2
EU	Netherlands	<b>Rotterdam</b>	<b>23</b>	55,1	50,6	56,8	54,8
EU	Slovenia	<b>Ljubljana</b>	<b>24</b>	54,6	51,8	55,9	65,3
EU	Italy	<b>Bologna</b>	<b>25</b>	54,4	49,1	56,9	66,7

			Overall Rank	Overall Score	Safe & Connected Infrastructure Pillar Score	Usage & Reach Pillar Score	Policy & Support Pillar Score
EU	Sweden	<b>Stockholm</b>	<b>26</b>	53,4	61,2	45,8	59,8
EU	Spain	<b>Vitoria-Gasteiz</b>	<b>27</b>	52,2	54,0	39,4	75,4
EU	Poland	<b>Wroclaw</b>	<b>28</b>	51,3	67,8	37,4	60,3
NA	Canada	<b>Québec</b>	<b>29</b>	51,1	45,1	43,2	68,1
NA	Canada	<b>Vancouver</b>	<b>30</b>	50,3	33,4	52,5	68,7
EU	Spain	<b>Valencia</b>	<b>31</b>	50,2	55,6	41,1	57,3
EU	Belgium	<b>Brussels</b>	<b>32</b>	50,0	42,6	54,2	44,2
EU	UK	<b>London</b>	<b>33</b>	49,7	49,6	46,3	51,7
EU	UK	<b>Manchester</b>	<b>34</b>	49,2	45,2	42,9	65,0
NA	United States	<b>Portland</b>	<b>35</b>	49,1	50,7	37,0	70,0
EU	Norway	<b>Bergen</b>	<b>36</b>	48,5	48,1	40,5	64,5
EU	Germany	<b>Cologne</b>	<b>37</b>	48,3	28,5	61,2	54,8
OC	New Zealand	<b>Christchurch</b>	<b>38</b>	48,0	37,9	39,7	76,5
AS	Taiwan	<b>Taipei</b>	<b>39</b>	47,4	47,0	49,7	45,8
EU	Denmark	<b>Aarhus</b>	<b>40</b>	47,1	44,2	41,2	58,9
EU	Germany	<b>Bremen</b>	<b>41</b>	46,2	31,8	48,2	57,5
EU	Spain	<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>42</b>	46,0	54,4	37,9	51,7
SA	Brazil	<b>Niterói</b>	<b>43</b>	45,3	44,9	38,8	62,7
NA	United States	<b>Minneapolis</b>	<b>44</b>	45,2	50,8	31,3	59,3
EU	Finland	<b>Tampere</b>	<b>45</b>	45,0	51,7	43,3	39,9
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EU	Ireland	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>49</b>	43,1	35,3	50,1	55,8
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# How is Wellington doing on cycles?

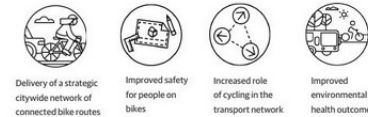
- Originally a Greater Wellington Project – using 2 stage approach to building
- Lots of politics – headwinds and tailwinds
- Now Wellington City council – switch to using single stage builds
- Still making progress!
- Award winner at recent Trafanz Transportation conference



## Bike Network Programme progress at a glance

**Investment objective**  
Create a strategic citywide network of connected bike routes in order to improve safety for people on bikes, increase the role of cycling in the transport network, and improve environmental and health outcomes.

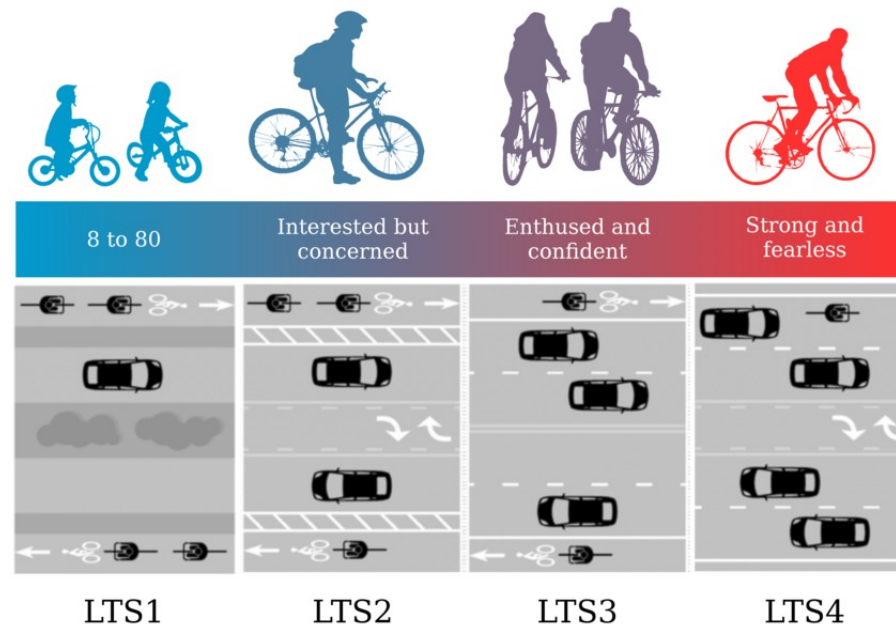
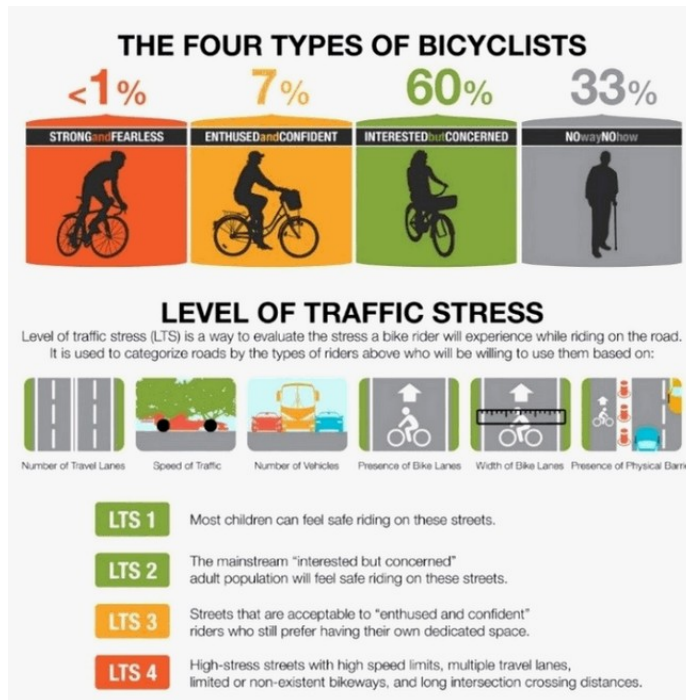
### Key outcomes and benefits delivered



What we've Delivered	Outcomes to Date	Changing Strategic Context	Future of the Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32km of cyclists delivered through the programme (June 2025)</li> <li>38% of Strategic Bike Network complete</li> <li>Over 10,000 pieces of feedback from one public engagement process</li> <li>53% of Wellingtonians within 300m of network</li> <li>Improved network delivery and reduced cost per kilometre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Increase in perceived ease of getting around by bike</li> <li>↓ Reduction in injury crashes involving cyclists</li> <li>↑ Increase in cycle mode share trips</li> <li>↑ Increase in cyclist volumes across Wellington</li> <li>↑ Increased cyclist counts on BNP cycleways</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A commitment to accelerate a rapid roll-out of a bike network in 2022 was part of Wellington's strategic climate action response</li> <li>The Bike Network Programme (BNP) was established in 2022, to deliver many of the routes confirmed as part of the strategic bike network</li> <li>The disestablishment of Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) in 2024 left some of the strategic bike network unplanned, including the central city</li> <li>A change in government direction in 2024 and local funding cuts scaled the programme back down</li> <li>The BNP shifted away from a two stage approach (transitional and transformational) to a single delivery phase that will use more robust materials but minimise costs through reduced civil works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changing from area-based delivery to prioritising remaining primary network after funding cuts</li> <li>Reshaping BNP to include central city and other streets previously within the remit of LGWM</li> <li>Ongoing monitoring and evaluation, using new cycle count data collection methods</li> <li>Ongoing complementary activities to promote the uptake of cycling on the new infrastructure</li> <li>Ongoing maintenance and renewals of the new infrastructure, and consideration of the pathway to permanence for transitional routes</li> </ul>

The current CCC road safety action plan was written in 2020 to fit in with “Road to Zero”

# Not all cyclists are the same



# Steve Wakefield personal submission to City Council hearings

April 2026



Cathedral  
Square  
sorely needs  
revitalisation



The Square is  
now an  
embarrassment  
to the City

Compared to other high quality attractions to the City including:

- Te Pae convention centre
- Tūranga library
- Court Theatre and Performing Arts Precinct
- Town Hall
- Te Kaha / One NZ stadium
- Hagley Oval
- Parakiore metro sports complex
- Riverside precinct

Sadly, we have many successes and one visible failure – Cathedral Square

## How do we revitalise the Square?

- As noted by several commentators, it will require people, not paving stones...
  - How do we attract people to the Square?
1. ReOpen the Cathedral – NZIER report says it would generate \$20m of economic activity in the Square
  2. Activate other sites e.g. old Post Office, cafes, bars, food, music, hotels, markets
  3. Fountains and water features – look at other public squares around the world, dancing waters brings visitors, families, residents

A Public  
Square in  
Budapest,  
Hungary



## A public square in Pecs, Hungary





Another  
public  
fountain in  
Bucharest,  
Romania

## Why should the Council help the Cathedral?

- The church initially didn't want to repair the Cathedral due to underinsurance and significant cost risk
- The High Court ruled that insurance funds had to be used to reinstate "a Cathedral" in the Square, not "the Cathedral"
- Christchurch City Mayor Lianne Dalziel and Earthquake Recovery Minister Nicky Wagner came to the Diocesan Synod in 2017 and pleaded with the Anglican Church leaders to reinstate and not demolish the Cathedral
- With these City and Government funding promises, the vote was passed 55% to 45% to reinstate
- A joint venture agreement was made and Christchurch Cathedral Reinstatement Limited (CCRL) was created
- The Church asked for an underwrite but this was refused since it would undermine asking for donations from philanthropists ... So the Church showed good faith in these City and Government partners...

## Reopening the Cathedral makes sense for Christchurch

- Over 750,000 visitors to the Cathedral and the Square annually pre-quakes
- Around 10% are worshippers and so 90% are visitors, domestic and international tourists and local citizens
- NZIER report calculated \$20m p.a. of economic activity from a re-opened Cathedral
- Cathedral Square is the last incomplete “anchor project”
- Revitalisation of the Square and surrounds will generate rates for CCC and repay funding over time
- Since 2017 the Council has contributed only \$3m of \$90m spent on the Cathedral, which seems to me to be very modest compared to \$680m on the Stadium
- Councillors are the city’s leaders, we now need leadership
- The ask is a \$30m contribution over 3 years x \$10m
  - Initial \$10m from the Cathedral Square revitalisation funds in Council budgets already
  - A further \$20m from the new Iconic Heritage Buildings Fund over 2 more years
- Thank you for your leadership and support!

# Re:Opening Completing the Square



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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/03/2026

First Name: Neville Last Name: Queen

### Feedback

#### Rates

Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?

[Read more about proposed changes to rates from page 19 of the Consultation Document \(or about rates generally from page 24 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Don't know.

#### General rate business differential

We're proposing to lower the business rates differential from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

[Read more about the business differential on page 21 of the Consultation Document \(or about differential categories generally from page 26 of the Draft Annual Plan\).](#)

Do you support our proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?

Don't know.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?

Don't know.

#### The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

[Read more about the Climate Resilience Fund on page 24 of the Consultation Document.](#)

Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?

Don't know.

#### Contestable community grants

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

[Read more about contestable community grants on page 25 of the Consultation Document. For a full list of the grants we have the option of reducing funding for, visit \[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\]\(http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan\).](#)

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Which option do you support for contestable community grants?

Don't know.

#### The Environmental Partnerships Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, we could retain funding at the current \$700,000 per year, and reduce rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

[Read more about the Environmental Partnership Fund on page 25 of the Consultation Document and on our website: here.](#)

Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?

Don't know.

#### Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

We're proposing to sell a small number of properties that we've found no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

[Read more about these properties on page 26 of the Consultation Document \(or from page 239 of the Draft Annual Plan\). See property locations and access reports here.](#)

Do you support the Council selling these properties?

Don't know.

#### Restoring our iconic buildings

We want your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. We estimate that the total funding gap between the estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

[Read more about the iconic buildings on page 28 of the Consultation Document.](#)

How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

Don't know.

Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?

My submission, I oppose any additional funds, beyond the funds granted in the 2017 (Cant) Anglican Synod endorsed, Christchurch Cathedral Restoration Project.

The Anglican Diocese + CPT has an unencumbered asset base of \$1 billion (NZ) in both Property and Investment funds. I believe the originally allocated \$100 million has been spent very poorly. I believe for this project to be finished successfully it will require the services of a talented individual of the likes of David Meates who organised / managed the Ch Ch Hospital repairs as it continued operating.

I would ask the Anglican synod to pass a new motion. To focus the current funding and work solely on the Nave and Rose Window considerations, making them fully (publically) operational. Once fully completed, tested and proven to be operational functional. Then at this point the Church could be encouraged self fund the Tower and Bells.

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**Future feedback?**

For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents. You can read the Christchurch City Council's privacy statement [here](#).

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 26/03/2026

**First Name:** Phillip **Last Name:** Roth

### Feedback

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#### How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy.

#### Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?

Firstly, I would like to applaud Council for providing the opportunity for local stakeholders to engage with this process.

For clarity, my response here is in both my personal capacity as a local ratepayer (through our Family Trust) together with my business engagement through my business BDO Christchurch Limited. Please note that this is extended to engagement with both the Christ Church Cathedral and The Arts Centre.

I comment as follows:

#### Christ Church Cathedral

I am an ardent supporter of the Cathedral being pragmatically, realistically and cost-effectively restored. This may well mean reinstatement to an agreed level but not the less ensuring this iconic central focussed asset is in a fit-for-purpose usable state. Whilst a Church owned asset, there is no question in my mind that the majority of the city needs its heartbeat back and this can and will be achieved with a managed reinstatement project and financial support. Having been involved in direct engagement with senior level stakeholders and leaders of both the Anglican church and associated management team, I can clearly see from a first hand experience just how sincere and genuine the greater collective are towards reinstatement. I support the positive influence that the Christ Church Cathedral's reinstatement would bring to our city, region, nation and impact from overseas visitors. Additionally, there are a number of strategically important benefits to our society being a re-opened place of worship, gathering and sacred place for personal renewal, and a sharing of our historic cathedral with the wider Christchurch community and beyond.

#### The Arts Centre

Many of my comments in principle are tied to the comments above. The positive challenge I see for the Arts Centre, is ensuring progressive if not improved alignment of all significant historic buildings and infrastructure that form part of the submissions. More than ever, as is the same for the Cathedral, is exceptional governance oversight and exemplary leadership of key

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decision making processes.

Completion of remaining re-development and restoration priorities is exciting and now needs to happen.

Kind Regards

Phillip Roth

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Yes.

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 13/04/2026

**First Name:** Brent    **Last Name:** Rawstron

### Feedback

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e.g. I would like Canterbury Museum to receive funding from Council to complete the redevelopment as soon as possible.

## Annual Plan 2026/27 - Next Steps

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### Analysis

- 24 April: Officers' responses to submissions
- 1 May (tbc): Thematic analysis of submissions

### Workshops

- 5 May
  - Financial update
  - What you heard from consultation
  - Elected members to raise any proposed changes or requests for advice
- 12 May – Officer advice and Council deliberation on proposed changes
- 21 May – Council guidance on final annual plan content development

**Adoption:** 23 June 2026

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