

# Urban Development and Regeneration Update

## Canterbury District Health Board

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### Psychosocial Wellbeing

The greater Christchurch Psychosocial Committee meets two-monthly and the Governance Group meets quarterly. The Committee last met in May and did not meet in July but will meet again in September. The Governance Group last met earlier in June and will next meet in October.

- The Committee welcomed the news about the launch of the He Waka Ora website, a resource for supporting mental health and wellbeing following a disaster. The website was pulled together by the 'All Right?' campaign. <https://hewakaora.nz>
- The Committee welcomes the news of new support available to people who have purchased on-sold properties. The Committee continues to look for information on who is supporting and providing advice for potential home buyers with regards to 'as is, where is' property, since there is a long term risk to local housing quality if these issues are not well mapped and addressed.

## Christchurch City Council

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### Christchurch District Plan

- A report was considered by Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> August in respect of options to address earthquake legacy issues relating to the Southshore and South New Brighton estuary edge. These options were evaluated against criteria with multi-agency input, and informed by feedback from the Southshore and South New Brighton communities. Options that were more fittingly adaptation responses were not considered within the scope of this project. Recommendations are being made for physical works and investigations in the South New Brighton and Southshore areas.
- A proposed plan change on slope instability management areas is proposed to be notified at the end of September.
- Pre-notification consultation on proposed plan changes on homeshare accommodation (Airbnbs, etc) and clarifying specific Rural Quarry Zone provisions will follow after the election.

#### Central City Action Plan (cross agency implementation)

- Project 8011:
  - 'Stock-take' research has been completed for the Residential Central City Zone. Results are currently being analysed.
  - The new Central City web resource is being tested with the intention to launch in late August / early September.
- Business Attraction trial campaign has commenced, aiming at the Auckland business market. Several companies have been contacted as potential new opportunities for establishing in Christchurch. Business attraction website: <https://www.christchurchnz.org.nz/explore-the-opportunity/>
- [Central City Retail Review Report](#) has been published praising the great progress and distinctive city offer, but calls for collaboration and stronger promotion to help change remaining post-earthquake shopping and dining habits.
- Light up the city: DCL have collaborated with the Cathedral Reinstatement Trust to illuminate the Cathedral using its new lighting projector. This follows its initial outing projecting images onto the side of the former Rydges hotel on Oxford Terrace during the recent Arts festival.

#### Suburban Centres programme

- Bishopdale: the community board and Council committee have been updated on progress towards revitalising Bishopdale centre, ahead of an options report to be considered in coming months.
- Sumner Village master plan - Marriner Street and Wakefield Ave street upgrade: progress is on track to complete the street upgrade through Sumner Village before the end of spring, with 75% of the work completed.

#### Enliven Places programme

- Projector Art Trail: A trail of art is lighting up the central city footpaths. Twenty designs were selected as part of the light up the city competition. See the full trail on [Find CHCH](#)
- [Spire](#): An interactive lighting display by Shades Arcade is lighting up Cathedral Square. The nine spires change colour as people move around the display. This was a winning proposal following a design competition, in which the winner was selected through a public vote on the Council's Facebook page.
- [Talking Tree](#): Artist Tim Budgen alongside students from Ara have created a clever lighting display. At night time, a tree in the centre of Cathedral Square comes to life telling jokes and talking about places to explore in the central city.

#### Christchurch Conversations

The next free public event in this programme was held on Wednesday 21 August - Leadership and action in the face of change: a conversation with The Rt. Hon. Helen Clark. The conversation was facilitated by Dr Bronwyn Hayward and included audience and youth Q&A. The event was filmed and is available on the [Christchurch City Council Civic Offices YouTube channel](#).

Heritage	<p>Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>The Catholic Diocese has made the decision that they will continue the process for full demolition of the Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament located at 136 Barbadoes Street. The 1905 building was severely damaged in the February 2011 earthquake including the collapse of the bell towers at the western end. Significant parts of the structure have since been removed including the large dome and drum which was located over the sanctuary. The building was subject to a Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) Section 38 Notice in 2015 and this envisaged the full demolition of the building if options for retention of portions of the structure were not considered viable by the owner and their team of consultants.</p> <p>McLean's Mansion</p> <p>The contract is about to be confirmed for the main works.</p> <p>Public Trust Building</p> <p>Work continues on the former Public Trust Building with the announcement that there will be a new rooftop bar included which will give the public access to stunning views out across the city centre. This will be in addition to another publically accessible rooftop bar being created at the former CBS Building dating from 1958 at the junction of High Street and Manchester Street.</p> <p>Christchurch Cathedral</p> <p>Preparatory works have now begun on the Anglican Cathedral in Cathedral Square and it is anticipated that the activity here will increase over the next few weeks.</p>
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## Environment Canterbury



Canterbury Regional Policy Statement	<p>Pre-notification consultation on the draft Proposed Change to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS) (Action 9a in Our Space) closed on 16 August 2019. A Council decision on applying to the Minister for the Environment to use the Streamlined Planning Process to make this Proposed Change to the CRPS will likely be sought on 19 September 2019. It is anticipated that the Proposed Change will be notified in early 2020.</p>
Public transport	<p>Environment Canterbury has run two rounds of consultation on proposed changes to bus routes in Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Woodend and Pegasus. These changes would improve the coverage of bus services in these towns and offer more linkages between them. We are currently analysing the feedback received in the second round of consultation, which closed in early August. We are working towards implementing changes in late 2019 or early 2020.</p>
Regional transport	<p>Current priorities for the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee include implementing the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, undertaking a resilience stocktake for the transport network, improving road safety outcomes, and undertaking initial work to prepare the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031.</p>

	<p>Consultants were engaged to carry out work on the opportunity for freight mode shift. The Committee was briefed on the final draft report on 23 May 2019. The final report was published in August 2019 and presented to the Committee on 8 August 2019. A copy can be downloaded from Environment Canterbury's website (see link below). The Committee will continue to advocate with central government to encourage freight mode optimisation.</p> <p>Link to freight mode shift study: <a href="https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2019/rail-freight-takes-pressure-off-roads/">https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2019/rail-freight-takes-pressure-off-roads/</a></p> <p>The Committee has also approved a submission on the draft National Road Safety Strategy and agreed to write to the Minister of Transport and Minister for Climate Change, alongside the Mayoral Forum, to advocate for actions to reduce transport emissions.</p>
<p>Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour</p>	<p>The Community Advisory Group is the mechanism for community engagement and is working on advice to identify and support community-led projects. The primary focus is to restore indigenous vegetation, improve stream health and reduce sediment entering the harbour.</p> <p>The Community Advisory Group is focusing on riparian planting of at least five Whakaraupō streams to reduce erosion and sediment from entering the harbour. Conservation Volunteers NZ funded by Whaka-Ora are working with local schools and groups over this winter planting season.</p> <p>The partners (Christchurch City Council, Ngāti Wheke, Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu, Lyttelton Port Company and Environment Canterbury) have recently upgraded the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour website. This was done to make it more user-friendly to show what has been completed and to display how people from all over Christchurch can be involved in implementing the plan.</p> <p>The website can be accessed here: <a href="https://www.healthyharbour.org.nz/">https://www.healthyharbour.org.nz/</a></p>
<p>Stormwater consents</p>	<p>Hearing commissioners have granted the comprehensive stormwater consent for Christchurch City (including Banks Peninsula's settlements) with a 25 year consent duration. The consent is under appeal and Christchurch City Council continue to operate under their previous consent until appeals are resolved. Consent applications are also in process for Rangiora and the towns in Selwyn. Consents for other towns in Waimakariri are due to be developed later in 2019.</p>

<p>District Plan Review</p>	<p>Natural Hazards</p> <p>Consultation on Stage One ran from 28 June to 26 July 2019. It involved four community drop-ins across the district and included staff from Environment Canterbury. Staff are presently analysing submissions and preparing for Stage Two of the consultation which is planned for 28 August to 25 September 2019. Dates and Times for Stage Two: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre, Wednesday, 28 August between 5 – 7pm</li> <li>• Rangiora Town Hall, 29 August between 5 – 7pm</li> </ul> <p>The events will cover what we heard from the Stage One drop-ins, an overview of natural hazards in Waimakariri District, what a risk-based approach to managing natural hazards involves, and the proposed approach to managing natural hazard risks in Waimakariri District.</p> <p>Residential, Subdivision and Signs chapters</p> <p>Drafts have been workshopped with WDC’s District Plan and Regulatory Committee, and are under refinement. Intensification within existing township areas is being explored, along with other provisions to facilitate a range of living environments and housing typologies in the district.</p> <p>Other chapters continue to progress though different stages. Notification is still on target to occur from July 2020.</p>
<p>Structure Planning</p>	<p>In summary, the Rangiora Structure Plans and Rangiora Town Centre Strategy project(s) have been progressing in accordance with the following key milestones to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April–May 2019: Consultants prepared Issues &amp; Options reports. This report highlights:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rangiora faces similar challenges to similar other New Zealand towns: varied quality of retail, limited public transport and cycling options, heavy vehicle route through centre, lengthwise spatial orientation, quality of connectivity, questionable identity with emerging developments, Large Format Retail on periphery.</li> <li>○ Technology is an important factor to consider in how we use town centres and spaces, leading to the need for a greater emphasis on the town centre experience (amenity, visual quality, coherence, urban environment)</li> <li>○ There are opportunities to further enhance existing sites and gateways, for greater entertainment, to consider an civic/arts precinct, for developing green connections, to integrate overlapping precincts</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 17 May 2019: Internal Inception Inquiry by Design workshop with key cross-departmental Council staff and consultants to present draft Issues &amp; Options reports , brainstorm vision for Rangiora and map possible development scenarios</li> <li>• 30 May 2019: External Stakeholder Inquiry by Design workshop #1 (of 3) – members include Rangiora-Ashley Community Board, residents and business groups, local developers and others.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June/July 2019: Consultants progressing draft concept plans for Rangiora Town Centre and Structure plan areas to discuss at 2nd round of engagement with District Planning and Regulations Committee, Technical Advisory Group, and External Stakeholder Group.</li> <li>• July: development of an early engagement video to promulgate in the wider community of interest, linked to an invitation to submit early ideas of how Rangiora should development over the next 10+ years.</li> <li>• 1 August: External Stakeholder Group Inquiry by Design workshop #2 (of 3).</li> </ul>
<p>Kaiapoi Regeneration Areas</p>	<p>Key project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Enabling works and Beswick stormwater management area contract works have now reached practical completion.</li> <li>• The Earthquake Infrastructure Recovery programme is now essentially complete, with the final Infrastructure Steering Group meeting having been held in August. Final Crown cost-share claim submissions have been prepared.</li> <li>• The requests for tender for the sports changing rooms, and the softball diamonds development in Kaiapoi East, are both currently out for tender.</li> <li>• Construction of the Kaiapoi East Dog Park, and the South-of-Cass recreation and ecological linkages, are close to completion. Timber boardwalks are currently under construction.</li> <li>• Wai-ora Landscapes are planting the balance of the Honda Forest stage 1 plants. Stage 2 is scheduled to begin on 7th September 2019 with a further community planting day.</li> <li>• The detailed design of the upgrades to the retained roads in Kaiapoi East is nearly completed. Contracts will be awarded in November following a tender process.</li> <li>• Feasibility investigations and designs are currently being undertaken for the proposed Kaiapoi Croquet Club relocation to a new site in the Kaiapoi South regeneration area.</li> <li>• Staff are also conducting Feasibility investigations and designs for a community studio spaces area in the same regeneration area.</li> <li>• A presentation on regeneration projects and the horizontal infrastructure earthquake recovery was made to the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) in August, followed by a walking tour of the Kaiapoi East Regeneration area.</li> <li>• Dredging of the Kaiapoi River has ceased and will now re-commence winter 2020. The majority of the marina basin dredging was accomplished allowing for the completion and use of the new Riverview pontoon by October 2019.</li> </ul>

## New Zealand Transport Agency



Christchurch Southern Motorway	Two new bridges reconnecting Weedons and West Melton communities opened in July. The Weedons Road Bridge is fully operational, and the southbound approach of the Shands Road Bridge is open to traffic. The northbound lane of the Shands Road Bridge is expected to open in late August. With more than 5km and 10 minutes travel time saved, the feedback has been positive.
Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures	The governance and management arrangements for the next phase of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures business cases was presented to the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee on August 21. The committee was updated as to the formation of a steering group, agreed terms of reference and appointment of a Programme Director and Project Team.

## Regenerate Christchurch



Hagley Oval	<p>As reported previously Regenerate Christchurch provided the draft proposal to use section 71 of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016, along with supporting documentation, to strategic partners and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on 24 July 2019 to seek their views under section 66 of the Act.</p> <p>Responses have been received from Selwyn District Council and Waimakariri District Council.</p>
Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor	On Friday 23 August 2019 the Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration, Hon, Dr Megan Woods, approved the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan developed by Regenerate Christchurch. The Minister's approval of the plan means changes will be made to the Christchurch District Plan to enable the land uses identified in the plan.