

# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM

December 2018

## About the Mayoral Forum

The Mayoral Forum leads implementation of:

- the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement
- the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS).

The Forum is chaired in this local government term by Mayor Lianne Dalziel (Christchurch City).

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## PRE-FORUM DISCUSSIONS

- The evening prior to Mayoral Forum meetings, Mayors and Chief Executives meet for a working dinner. On 6 December, Jim Palmer (Chief Executive, Waimakariri District Council) on behalf of Mayor David Ayers facilitated discussion on *education and training for a skilled workforce*, one of seven priorities in the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy.
- Invited guests were Nigel Davenport (Chief Executive, Aoraki Development), Heather Warwick (Chief Executive, Enterprise North Canterbury), John Henderson (Regional Commissioner, Ministry for Social Development), and Sean Wheeler (Education Manager, Ministry of Education).
- Nigel Davenport outlined the work Aoraki Development has been doing in rolling out the *Job Ready* programme across schools in South Canterbury, along with some of the successes and lessons learned. Discussions focused on how the Mayoral Forum might support a wider rollout of the programme across Canterbury.

## Looking ahead...

### Canterbury Mayoral Forum in 2019

In 2019 the Forum will focus on:

- *receiving a final report from the CWMS Fit for the Future project in May 2019*
- *responding to central government proposals that impact on local government and Canterbury, including the regulation and management of Three Waters*
- *continuing to drive implementation of CREDS projects and the three-year work programme*
- *preparing and approving drafts of the triennial agreement, three-year work programme, and a process to refresh the CREDS for the next local government term.*

## MAYORAL FORUM HIGHLIGHTS, 7 December 2018

- Mayors held a round-table update on each of the CREDS workstreams and reviewed progress heading into the final year of this local government term.
- Hugh Logan (Chair of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee) provided an update on the CWMS Fit for the Future project. This was the first time Hugh had met the Mayoral Forum as a whole since coming into the Chair role earlier this year.
- Mayor Craig Rowley presented the outcomes of stage one of the *value-added production* project. Mayors agreed to the proposed roadmap for stage two of the project.
- Mayor Sam Broughton provided an update on the South Island Destination Management Strategy project, including the first meeting of the inter-regional project steering group in late November.
- Mayors also received updates on central government's review of Three Waters, the Forum's three-work programme, Provincial Growth Fund projects in Canterbury, and an update from the Chief Executives Forum.

## THE MAYORAL FORUM PROVIDES LEADERSHIP, FACILITATION AND ADVOCACY FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CANTERBURY

*... a strong regional economy with resilient, connected communities and a better quality of life for all.*

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