

NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM

September 2018

About the Mayoral Forum

The Mayoral Forum leads implementation of the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2017–19. A mid-term progress report is on our website: www.canterburymayors.org.nz

South Island tourism

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum has secured the agreement of all South Island Mayors and Chairs (of regional councils) to work together to develop a visitor destination management plan for the South Island.

The project will:

- *analyse how visitors flow through all our regions*
- *identify the infrastructure and attractions we need to cater for current and projected visitor flows*
- *establish agreed priorities for local and central government investment*
- *ensure that tourism, and the infrastructure provided for tourists, benefits our communities and maintains a 'social licence to operate'.*

An inter-regional steering group with representatives from all regions, MBIE and the Department of Conservation is chaired by Mayor Sam Broughton (Selwyn District).

We are applying to the Provincial Growth Fund for project co-funding.

PRE-FORUM DISCUSSIONS

- The evening prior to Mayoral Forum meetings, Mayors and Chief Executives meet for a working dinner. On 6 September, Mayor Craig Rowley facilitated discussion on *value-added production*, one of seven priorities in the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy.
- Invited guests were Murray Strong (Chair, Lincoln University – AgResearch Joint Facility), Anna Elphick (ChristchurchNZ), David Rendall and Helen Wyn (Senior Regional Official for Canterbury).
- David Rendall has been facilitating workshops in each district as part of multi-year projects to boost value-added production in Canterbury. These projects are being delivered for the Mayoral Forum by the University of Canterbury and ChristchurchNZ.

MAYORAL FORUM HIGHLIGHTS, 7 September 2018

- The Mayoral Forum reviewed the current state of 3 Waters management in Canterbury. The Operations Forum, Drinking Water Reference Group, Engineering Managers and Stormwater Forum assisted Chief Executives with this stocktake. The Mayoral Forum requested further analysis of capital expenditure to ensure we have an accurate and consistent snapshot of our current state.
- Mayors Dalziel, Ayers and Rowley will work with Chief Executives and the secretariat to shape and refine a potential Mayoral Forum response to proposals emerging from the Government's 3 Waters review.
- Joanna Norris (ChristchurchNZ) presented the CREDS economic indicators report (August 2018). This includes regional transport indicators for the first time.
- Tim Loftus (ChristchurchNZ) presented progress in developing the Canterbury story, to attract and retain talent and business to the region.
- Steve Lowndes (Environment Canterbury) reported great progress over winter 2018 in meeting National Environmental Standards for Air Quality across the region.
- Hon Dr Megan Woods met with the Mayoral Forum for discussion focusing on research, science and innovation and value-added production.
- Following the meeting, Canterbury MPs joined us for a presentation on the Mayoral Forum's priorities and progress on implementing the triennial agreement and the CREDS in this local government term.

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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