



Christchurch Economic Development Strategy Quarterly Progress Report

Overview

Canterbury Development Corporation (CDC) liaises with over 20 agencies and businesses throughout the region to provide progress updates on all of the projects, each quarter, in the Christchurch Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) portfolio. There are 21 economic development initiatives underway, with 53 completed. CDC leads or facilitates a number of projects and monitors the entire work programme. Each project is assigned to one of 12 economic priorities.

This progress report outlines the key achievements for this quarter, updates for individual projects are available on the [CDC website](#) under the relevant economic priority.

Economic monitoring

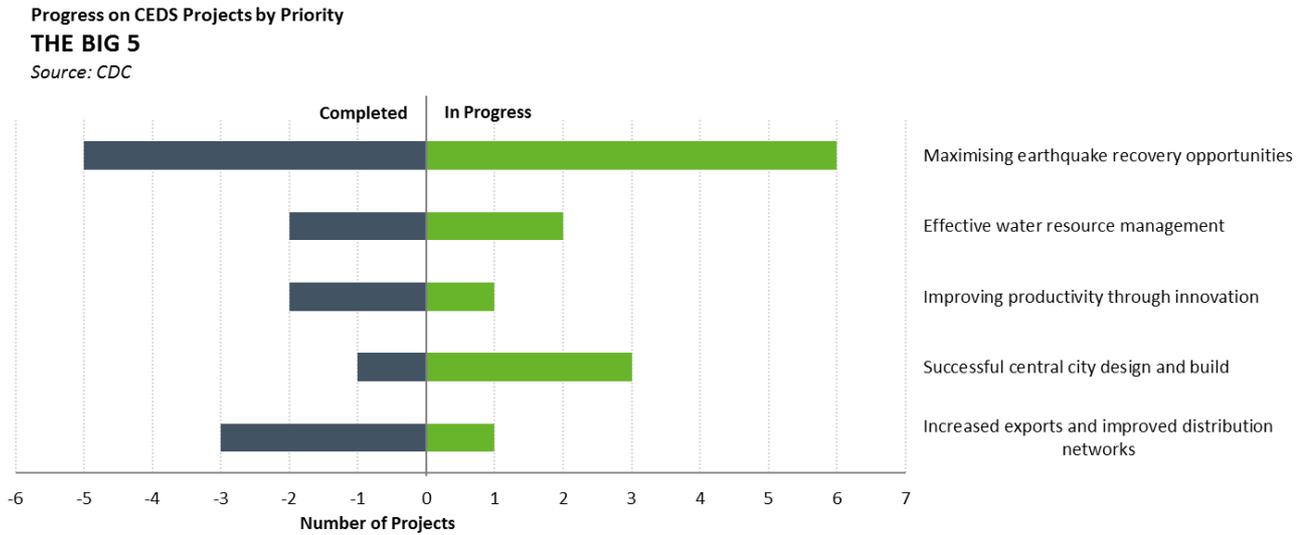
CDC is monitoring and reporting on progress towards achieving the economic development goals. For the latest economic data and commentary see the latest [Christchurch and Canterbury Quarterly Economic Report](#) and the [Christchurch City Scorecard](#).

CEDS Goals (by 2031)

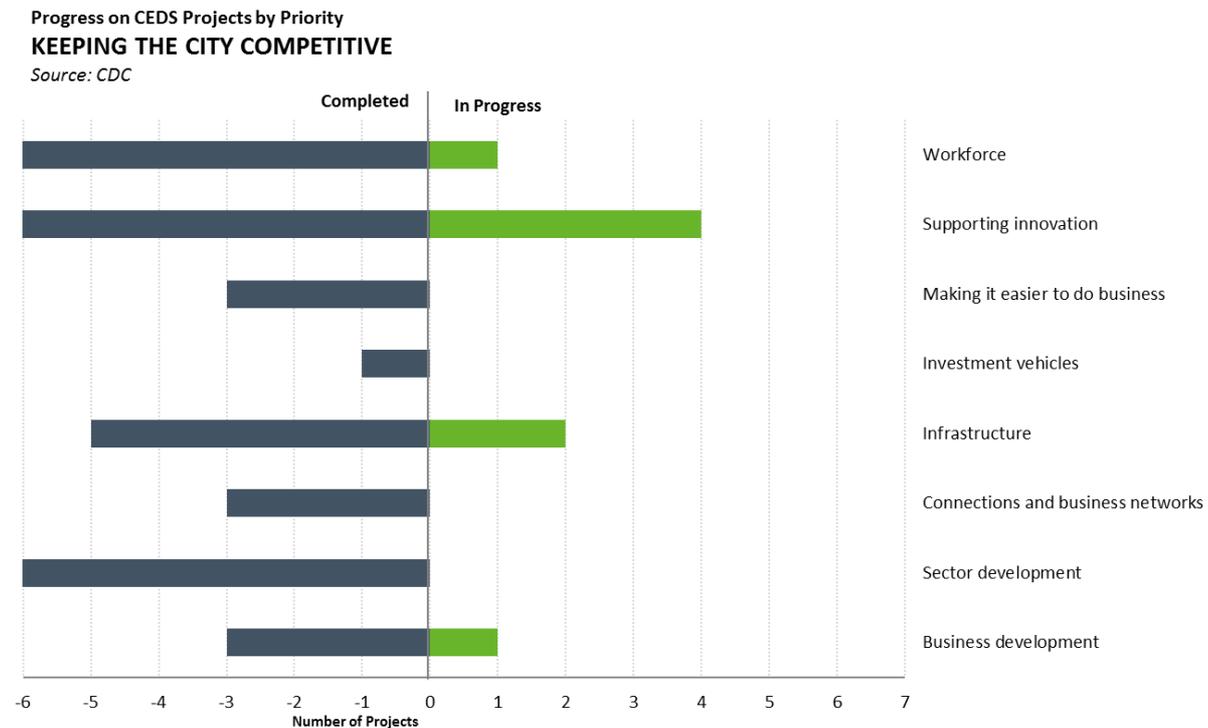
- Christchurch has the best economic ranking against Tier Three cities in Australasia. Quality of living matches a Tier Two city in Australasia.
- Total GDP has grown by 49 percent to \$28.8 billion and GDP per capita by 33 percent to \$68,218 (percentage changes from 2015).
- Exports to China have increased by 140 percent, reaching \$719 million by 2031.
- 20 percent of the 15 to 64 aged population in employment in current high-growth enabling sectors: agriculture; manufacturing; information, media and telecommunications; finance and insurance; and professional, scientific and technical services.
- The proportion of the working age population with a post-high school qualification has increased from 40 percent to 45 percent. The proportion of the working age population with a Bachelor qualification or higher has increased from 20 percent to 26 percent.

Progress on CEDS projects by priority type

The Big 5 game changers



Keeping the city competitive





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SCIRT programme

SCIRT has completed 651 projects with direct construction spend of \$1,103 million dollars. 95 percent of the whole SCIRT programme is complete:

- 99 percent of the fresh water pipe
- 94 percent of waste water pipe
- 94 percent of storm water pipe
- 95 percent of road pavement repair

Another 92 SCIRT projects worth \$319 million dollars underway. **(SCIRT)**



University of Canterbury

All remediation projects have been completed with no active current projects. Other major projects are all moving forward at pace. Part of the Canterbury engineering facility will be open by the start of Semester 1, 2017 with remainder ready for teaching in Semester 2, 2017. The Regional Science and Innovation Centre Stage 1 is now over 50 percent complete. **(UC)**



Lyttleton Port Reclamation Project

Work on the reclamation at Te Awaparahi Bay, in the eastern area of the Port has progressed well. Volumes of fill arriving has reduced as demolition work has diminished across the city. **(LPC)**



Canterbury District Health Board facilities and redevelopment

Burwood Hospital opened its doors to patients in June 2016. At Christchurch Hospital the structural steel frame for the Acute Services Building (ASB) is around two-thirds complete. Work has also begun on the outpatients' facility on the St Andrews Triangle site. **(CDHB)**



Canterbury Regional Water Strategy

Stage 2 of Central Plains Water design planning is underway after capital raising and Hurunui Water Project concept design is progressing after securing further funding. In Mid-Canterbury a long term Managed Aquifer Recharge pilot project is progressing as are targeted stream augmentation trials in other catchments and zones.

Work continues with industry on Good Management Practices and Farm Environment Plans. **(ECAN)**

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Central City Anchor Projects

An Accessible City work is underway on Durham Street and Manchester Street and expected to be complete by the end of 2017. Avon River Precinct: The Terraces are complete and a new river punt stop has been installed near Worcester Street.

Margaret Mahy Family Playground. Ōtākaro Limited is installing more play equipment and accessibility enhancements.

Canterbury Earthquake Memorial: The north side of the river is complete. Work is now focused on the Memorial Wall area on the south side of the river. Ready for the sixth anniversary on 22 February 2017.

Christchurch Convention Centre: initial work to prepare the precinct site for construction is underway.

The East Frame. Work has begun on the public spaces.

Metro Sports Facility, preliminary design was completed and approved by the Christchurch City Council in early September 2016. Early works began in October 2016.

The South Frame / Innovation Precinct. the first public spaces in the Innovation Precinct and wider South Frame are complete.

Town Hall work is progressing well.

Performing Arts Precinct. The Piano: Centre for Music and the Arts is open and in demand. The Crowne Plaza redevelopment is also making good progress and will be open in 2017.

Central Library (or Knowledge Centre): building consent for foundations and underground services was approved in October 2016 and work is underway. Completion and opening are scheduled to occur in the second quarter of 2018. **(CCC / Ōtākaro)**

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Lincoln Hub

The Lincoln Hub precinct concept design was completed on 30 September 2016. The project business case will be submitted for central government review by 30 January 2017. Construction is expected to commence in late November 2017. **(Lincoln Hub)**



High Growth Launch Programme

The 2016 High Growth Launch Programme attracted 30 applicants for which 10 were selected to participate in the programme. The programme achieved a Net Promoter Score of +89. The programme will run again in 2017. **(CDC)**



Motorway Development

Southern Corridor. Construction of the second stage will start in December 2016 and be completed by 2020.

Western Corridor. All sections are now either completed or under construction.

Northern Corridor. Construction started in December 2016 and is due to be completed in 2020. **(NZTA)**

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Recently completed projects

Redevelopment of Christchurch’s suburban centres

Christchurch City has completed community-agreed master plans for Lyttelton, Sydenham, Linwood Village, Selwyn Street shops, Edgware Village, Sumner Village, Ferry Road, Main Road and New Brighton Centre. Implementation of these plans is now underway. **(CCC)**

Increase productivity in the construction sector to support the recovery

A nationwide alliance of industry and government was established in February 2014 to increase the use of building information modelling in New Zealand as a way to improve efficiency and productivity in the construction sector. The National Construction Pipeline Report is produced annually to provide better information to improve the productivity of the sector and could help moderate its peaks and troughs. **(MBIE)**

Encourage the use of sustainable technologies during the rebuild

A range of initiatives have been implemented including the Build Back Smarter (www.buildbacksmarter.co.nz), promotion of high performing homes (www.superhome.co.nz) and Target Sustainability (www.target sustainability.co.nz) to improve the energy efficiency in residential and commercial buildings. Other initiatives underway include the electric vehicle network (www.charge.net.nz), community garden and orchard (<http://www.otakaroorchard.org.nz/>). The Council continues to look for opportunities for using sustainable technologies through the projects it leads and partners in. **(CCC)**

Take a strategic approach to rebuild procurement

Regular private and public sector collaboration to ensure effective and efficient procurement and supply chains has been created through a variety of forums, including the establishment of Collaborate Canterbury **(MBIE & CECC)**

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Successful central city design and build

Implement the central city blueprint, starting with land acquisitions for the anchor projects The central city blueprint is being delivered through other CEDS projects. **(Otakaro)**

Establish a network to improve the co-ordination of China delegations

The NZ and China Mayoral Forum was held in September 2015 in Xiamen City and was the largest delegation of New Zealand civic leaders to have ever visited China. The Xiamen declaration signed at the meeting confirmed the next NZ China Mayoral Forum to be held in Wellington, NZ in December 2017. **(LGNZ)**

Embed voluntary contribution into the lives of all young-at-heart New Zealanders

The Student Volunteer Army (SVA) is well established, being Canterbury University's largest club in 2016, with over 2,500 members volunteering and contributing. The SVA is actively engaging with communities in Christchurch.

[\(Student Volunteer Army\)](#)

Temporarily activate vacant sites within Christchurch with creative projects

Gapfiller is well established as an important contributor to creative urban regeneration in Christchurch through a wide range of temporary projects, events, installations and amenities, which continue to evolve. **(Gapfiller)**

Improve Council consenting processes and business engagement

Christchurch City Council has implemented a range of customer service enhancements including better communication, streamlined online processes and case management. The International Accreditation New Zealand confirmed the Council's status as an accredited building consent authority in September 2015. The Council has an ongoing continuous improvement programme. **(CCC)**

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CERA work with Councils to develop planning and consenting processes

CERA supported Council and ECAN to develop a number of Recovery Plans under the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act and have supported local government agencies with their planning and regeneration activities. This project finished when CERA ceased operations. **(CERA)**

Deliver broadband to rural homes and businesses in Canterbury

Chorus has completed the upgrade of the rural fixed link broadband network and have connected all schools and hospitals in the region to broadband. The rollout of 4G into rural areas is progressing with both Vodafone and Spark currently rolling out 4G into the region. Spark has announced it will fast-track the rollout of its 4G mobile network across Canterbury with 96 percent of Canterbury having access to the 4G network by the end of 2016 – three years earlier than planned. **(Chorus & Vodafone)**

Connect schools, hospitals and businesses to ultra-fast broadband

Enable met its target to reach all schools, hospitals and 90 percent of businesses by 31 December 2015 and is now focused on deploying the remainder of its network by the end of 2018. **(Enable)**

Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy

The Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) update was completed in August 2016 and is available at <http://greaterchristchurch.org.nz/>. A more comprehensive review of the UDS is planned for 2017-2019. **(UDSIC)**

Inland port at Rolleston

MidlandPort became operational on 1 June 2016. It services the increasing freight requirements of Canterbury's rural sector, improves container freight efficiency, and decreases travel time and freight costs for customers. **(LPC)**

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Open Sky Policy

This policy has removed regulatory access issues for foreign carriers to use more of the available air capacity into the South Island through Christchurch International Airport. Singapore Airlines, Air New Zealand, Virgin and Jetstar have increased their services or are using larger aircraft, while Qantas, China Airlines and China Southern are running new services. Passenger numbers now exceed pre-earthquake levels. **(CIAL)**

Christchurch Visitor Sector Recovery Plan

Christchurch's visitor sector is recovering well following the earthquakes. Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism (CCT) have worked actively with the sector to promote Christchurch and Canterbury's tourism offering into international markets and to leverage the developing accommodation, conference and attractions in the city. The Christchurch Visitor Strategy was endorsed by Council in mid-2016. CCT will work with partner agencies to implement the Christchurch Visitor Strategy. **(CCT)**

Recently started projects

CEDS is currently under review and new projects are being identified.

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Delivering CEDS is a partnership and over 20 agencies collaborate to deliver it. We would like to acknowledge and thank all the lead agencies involved.

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