

# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM

May 2019

## 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).

Further information is on our website:

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

## PRE-FORUM DISCUSSIONS

- On 23 May, the Forum met with Ara Institute's Council Chair Thérèse Arseneau and Chief Executive Tony Gray. There was strong affirmation of the value of the CREDS Education and Training Governance Group convened by Mayor David Ayers with CE Jim Palmer since 2015. Discussion also included the [regional submission](#) in April 2019 on the proposed reform of vocational education (RoVE), and challenges and opportunities for the tertiary education and training sector in Canterbury.

## MAYORAL FORUM HIGHLIGHTS, 24 May 2019

## Looking ahead...

*In 2019 the Forum is focusing on:*

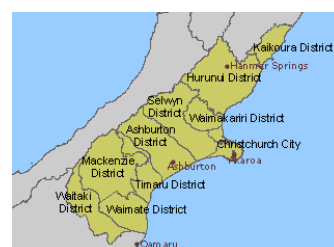
- *responding to central government proposals that impact on local government and Canterbury, including the regulation and management of Three Waters, and immigration policies that impact on labour market supply*
- *implementation of projects funded by the Regional Growth Programme and Provincial Growth Fund*
- *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.*

- The Mayoral Forum signed off on the final report on the CWMS Fit for the Future project, with goals for 2025 and 2030 and an indicative work programme to support implementation of the goals. Mayors Damon Odey, Sam Broughton and Winton Dalley will lead public communications about Mayoral Forum decisions on the review and the new goals.
- Mayor Craig Rowley updated the Forum on the CREDS value-added production workstream. This included recent workshops on food, fibre and agritech across the region, with support from industry.
- ChristchurchNZ presented on the Canterbury Story, a project for the Mayoral Forum funded by the Regional Growth Programme.
- The Forum considered an initial draft of the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement for 2020–2022. The outgoing Mayoral Forum provides a draft agreement for the incoming Mayoral Forum to endorse and take back to member councils for agreement.
- Mayor Sam Broughton gave an update on the South Island Destination Management Plan, a project initiated by the Mayoral Forum with funding from the Provincial Growth Fund.
- Delivery of the Forum's 3-year work programme and CREDS projects are on track for completion by the end of the year.

## THE MAYORAL FORUM PROVIDES LEADERSHIP, FACILITATION AND ADVOCACY FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN CANTERBURY

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

Contact: Dr David Bromell (secretariat), T: 027 839 2708, [secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@canterburymayors.org.nz)



***Canterbury – a great place to live, study, work, play ... and stay!***