

NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM

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About the Mayoral Forum

The Mayoral Forum comprises the Mayors of the ten territorial authorities and the Chair of the Canterbury Regional Council – from Kaikōura in the north, to Waitaki in the south.

The Chair of the Mayoral Forum is Mayor Lianne Dalziel (Christchurch City).

A key focus of the Mayoral Forum is ongoing development and implementation of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS).

For further information, see the regional forums website at: www.canterburymayors.org.nz.

Data and analysis of Canterbury's population is on the regional council website: www.ecan.govt.nz/population

A region making the most of its natural advantages to build a strong, innovative economy with resilient, connected communities and a better quality of life for all.

**MAYORS
STANDING TOGETHER
FOR CANTERBURY**

FIRST MEETING OF NEW MAYORAL FORUM, 2017–19

- Mayors met for the first time since local body elections in October 2016 (the Nov meeting was postponed due to the earthquakes).
- New members are Graham Smith (Mackenzie), Donna Favel (Ashburton), Sam Broughton (Selwyn) and David Bedford (Chair, Environment Canterbury).
- The Forum elected Mayor Lianne Dalziel (Christchurch City) as chairperson, and Mayor Damon Odey (Timaru District) as deputy chairperson.
- Mayoral leads of CREDS work programmes were confirmed:
 - Regional transport: Winton Dalley
 - Digital connectivity: Damon Odey
 - Freshwater management: Cr David Caygill (regional council)
 - Value-added production: Craig Rowley
 - Education and training: David Ayers
 - Newcomer settlement: Donna Favel, Sam Broughton
 - Visitor strategy: Winston Gray, Graham Smith and Sam Broughton.
- The Forum approved a Canterbury local authorities Triennial Agreement for 2017–19, which includes a Mayoral Forum Charter of Purpose (terms of reference) and mandates the work of the Chief Executives Forum. This now goes to member councils for ratification.
- The Forum approved a draft three-year work programme, which is implemented by the Chief Executives Forum.
- The Forum approved a regional submission on the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Bill that represents the views of district councils and Environment Canterbury. The Forum also supported a separate submission from Christchurch City, recognising the city's unique circumstances.
- Mayors Gray and Dalley shared information and reflected on earthquake response and recovery planning in Kaikōura and Hurunui, and expressed appreciation for the support provided by other councils.
- The Forum, with support from central government, has contracted Interbrand NZ to research and develop a Canterbury brand story to attract businesses, capital, workers, students and visitors to our region. Interbrand presented a draft story, which was warmly endorsed by Mayors. Interbrand will present a final story to Mayors and the CREDS reference group at a workshop on 23 February 2017.

MAYORS PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND FACILITATION TO:

- identify and remove barriers
- knock on, and open, doors to opportunities
- advocate with one strong voice for Canterbury and its communities.

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