

# NEWS FROM THE CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM

March 2018

## 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.

Mayor Lianne Dalziel (Christchurch City) is the Chair for this local government term.

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

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### David Bedford

22/10/1951 – 11/2/2018

The Mayoral Forum has acknowledged the passing of David Bedford, a member of the Forum from September 2016 until he took leave of absence for health reasons from his duties as Chair of Environment Canterbury in July 2017.

## PRE-FORUM DISCUSSIONS

- The evening prior to Mayoral Forum meetings, Mayors and Chief Executives meet for a working dinner. On 1 March, Mayor Damon Odey (Deputy-Chair) facilitated discussion on *digital connectivity*, one of seven priorities in the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy.
- Invited guests included Hon Clare Curran (Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media, and for Government Digital Services), Andrew Tombs (Chief Executive, Alpine Energy), Chris Roberts (Director, Amuri Net), Craig and Roz Mackenzie (Agri Optics / Greenvale Pastures, Methven), and Steve Fuller (Chief Executive, Enable)

## MAYORAL FORUM HIGHLIGHTS, 2 March 2018

- The Forum welcomed Lisa Tumahai, Kaiwhakahaere, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Lisa and Mayors discussed ways to strengthen the relationship between the Mayoral Forum, the CREDS work programme, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.
- Superintendent John Price, Canterbury District Commander, NZ Police, presented an overview of key issues Police are dealing with across the Canterbury region, and how Mayors and Police can work together to keep communities safer.
- Mayors received a progress report on the CREDS work programme, and endorsed two new funding applications. Discussions continued on engaging with the new Government. This included updates on recent government announcements (including the Provincial Growth Fund), priorities for policy advocacy, and focus areas for the upcoming Mayoral Forum working dinners.
- Cr Claire McKay (Environment Canterbury) presented an update on implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. This highlighted freshwater priorities from central and regional government, and progress of work programmes that are relevant to freshwater management and environmental restoration in Canterbury.
- Jim Palmer (Waimakariri), as Chair of the Chief Executives Forum, reported on the recent Chief Executives, Policy, Corporate and Operations Forums.
- Mayors also discussed the ongoing biosecurity response to *Mycoplasma bovis*, and the impacts of the response on local communities.

## 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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