

# FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

Every time I visit Christchurch there is something new to see, as the city continues to make good progress with the rebuild, nearly four years after the February 2011 earthquake. This hectic rebuilding is only going to ramp up over the next few years. The commitment of Cantabrians means more jobs and businesses will breathe life into the central city, and fuel strong economic growth in the region.

The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal has made a significant contribution to the rebuild, particularly to community infrastructure.

The Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre, the Court Theatre, Rapaki Marae and the Redcliffs Library are just a few of the local buildings and venues which have benefitted from the Appeal - and the public's generosity. That's not to mention the vast array of cultural, faith-based, sporting and educational projects the Appeal has funded to enrich and comfort Cantabrians as they persevere and rebuild. Their unwavering commitment to their region speaks to the strength of Christchurch and the wider Canterbury community. Nearly four years on, Canterbury is going from strength to strength, and will continue to do so.

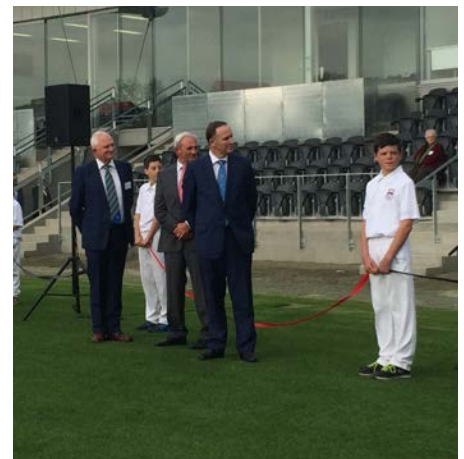
I would like to thank the Trustees of the Appeal, and the members of the Advisory Board, for their pride and hard work in supporting Cantabrians as they rebuild and renew their city. I firmly believe that the new Christchurch won't just be as good as it was before, but better. Families, businesses, community leaders, and local and regional councils have all pulled together to build a modern city that will stand proud and deliver for its people.

Thanks to the generosity of New Zealanders, and from people around the world, the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal has been part of that, and I would like to offer my gratitude to all those who have donated.

The commitment my government gave to Christchurch on day one remains unwavering. We will continue to stand beside the people of Christchurch and Canterbury.

Thank you.

*Rt Hon John Key  
Prime Minister of New Zealand*



Above: Prime Minister Rt Hon John Key at the opening of Hagley Pavilion in September 2014.

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