

# From the Prime Minister

In last year's annual report, I noted what a huge difference the Earthquake Appeal Trust had made in just 18 months. A year on, it's remarkable to reflect on how much more the Trust has done since then to help Cantabrians as they continue to rebuild their lives.

Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to witness first-hand the great work the Appeal is carrying out. In August, I was pleased to attend the official opening of the Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre, the first substantial recovery project to be completed in Kaiapoi, thanks to a \$1.1 million grant from the Trust.

It's encouraging to see how much progress has been made as the region gets back on its feet. This is a testament to the resilience of Cantabrians, whose perseverance in the face of difficulty is to be admired. We still have some way to go, and we still have more work

to do, but I'm proud of what we've achieved so far.

I want to give special thanks to Mark Weldon, whose able leadership in the initial phase of the Trust has been reflected in its continuing success two-and-a-half years later. I also acknowledge the Trustees and the members of the advisory board, whose local perspectives are critical to the enduring success of the Trust.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has continued to give to the Appeal - both in New Zealand and from around the world. We would not be where we are without your generosity and support.

The Government's commitment to the rebuild is absolute and unwavering. Our vision is to make Christchurch one of the best small cities in the world to live in, work in, and raise a family in - and we know that putting its communities back together is an essential part of that.

**Rt Hon John Key**  
Prime Minister of New Zealand



The Prime Minister has been taking an active interest in the recovery efforts.



Prime Minister John Key with Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee and Christchurch Central MP Nicky Wagner.



The re-opening of the Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre will be welcomed by the 120,000 local residents who visit the pools each year.



**"Every dollar donated to the Appeal goes to Canterbury."**

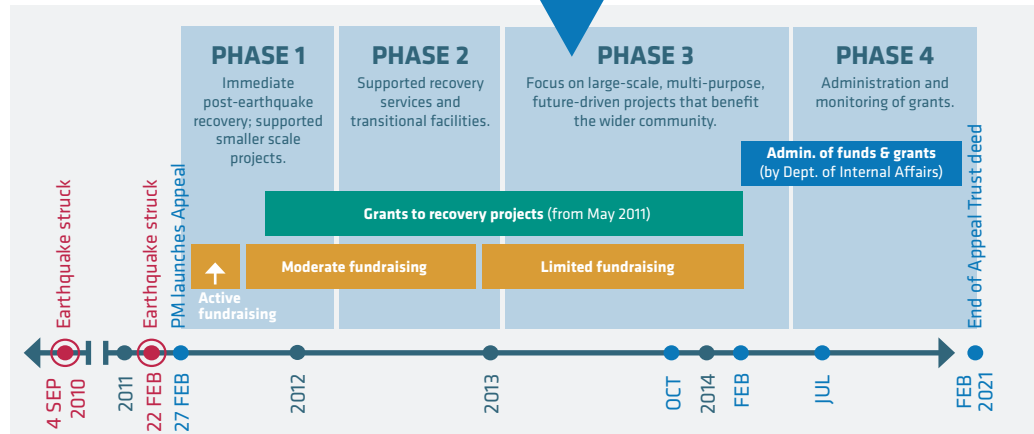
## Trustees thank Advisory Board for local advice

Trustees have greatly appreciated the local perspective that Advisory Board members have brought to funding proposals over the past two and a half years. Standing (left to right) is Anthony Rimell, Dr Rod Carr (Trustee), Justin Murray, Tane Norton and David Close. Seated (left to right) are Colin MacDonald (Trustee), Ros Burdon, Pamela Richardson and Jane Huria (Chair). Absent: Gabriel Makhoulf (Trustee).

Priority now on large permanent projects

## How the Appeal Trust has contributed

The Appeal Trust is responsible for allocating the money raised by the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal to support initiatives to help the Canterbury region recover from the earthquakes of 22 February 2011 and 4 September 2010.



# From the Trustees

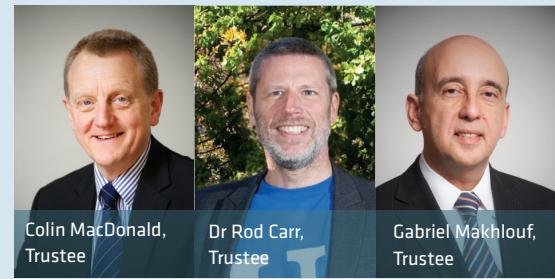
In the year to 30 June 2013, we intentionally prioritised funds towards permanent projects of medium to large size valued at \$100,000 or more. This focus will continue in 2013/14 as we aim to make a positive difference in Canterbury for the coming 20-50 years while leaving a public legacy that honours the thousands of people who donated to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

The Appeal Trust's largest funding decision of 2013 committed \$15 million towards future projects that will strengthen the connection from Te Papa Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct at Fitzgerald Avenue through eastern Christchurch all the way to the sea. While the exact nature of these future projects will take time to define - and will not proceed until the future use of much of the land is identified - Trustees' intention is to ensure that

once decisions are made and projects are ready, funds are available to give them momentum. "Connecting the City to the Sea" projects could include such things as permanently restoring environmental, recreation and sporting features, wetlands, walkways, cycleways, public performance spaces, community spaces and play areas. A common factor will be their strong contribution to the social fabric of Canterbury, with access and benefit for all.

For smaller, local community recovery projects we also ensured that limited funds remained available during the year and this will continue in 2013/14.

Since its establishment the Appeal has raised more than \$100 million in pledged and received funds and has channelled a total \$77 million in grants to projects across Canterbury. At 30 June 2013 \$17 million remained available to allocate although decisions we have made already in 2013/14 have since allocated \$2.5 million of this to new recovery projects.



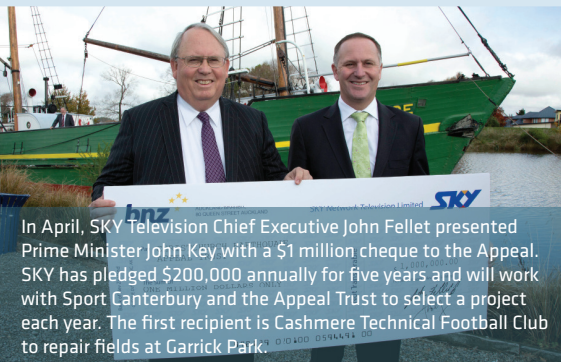
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We expect to allocate remaining Appeal funds by February 2014, being three years since the launch of the Appeal. Thereafter, all grants will continue to be administered and monitored within the Department of Internal Affairs until the end of the Trust's 10-year lifetime.

**Colin MacDonald**  
**Dr Rod Carr**  
**Gabriel Makhlouf**  
Trustees



In April, SKY Television Chief Executive John Fellet presented Prime Minister John Key with a \$1 million cheque to the Appeal. SKY has pledged \$200,000 annually for five years and will work with Sport Canterbury and the Appeal Trust to select a project each year. The first recipient is Cashmere Technical Football Club to repair fields at Garrick Park.



Cricket fan club The Barmy Army raised \$14,165 during England's 2013 tour of New Zealand. Here they are enjoying the test at Wellington's Basin Reserve.



Hansells Food Group donated the \$16,800 proceeds from its promotional Canterbury 'Red & Black Berry' Vitafresh product to the Appeal. Dr Rod Carr, Trustee (at left) with Dean Ross, Regional Sales Manager for Hansells.

# Thank you to our donors

The Appeal is one of the few dedicated earthquake relief charities that remains open and with funds available, and

throughout the past year it has continued to receive donations each month. It is heartening to see that the people of Christchurch are not forgotten nearly two and a half years after the earthquakes, with \$2.6 million pledged or received in the past year. This continued generosity is enabling the Trustees to fund more projects and it is

a privilege to have funds remaining to help such a wide variety of community projects. Canterbury continues to recover and the Trustees are aware of needs still to be addressed that are only now reaching the stage of seeking funds.

A number of large donations to the Appeal were directed for a specific purpose. We keep regular contact with these generous donors, and we are very grateful for their help in funding projects in 2013: **Anonymous donor, ANZA, Barmy Army, BNP Paribas, John Griffin of Blue Ridge Capital, NZCT, SKY Television, Southern Trust, The UK Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust, Vodafone NZ Foundation.**

We also thank **Aotearoa Foundation, Fletcher Building** and **Infratil Limited/Z Energy** for pledging their commitment to the Christchurch Arts Centre and Wilding Park tennis centre (both in progress).

