

Recreation and Leisure



“I like going to Sparks in the Park and Guy Fawkes, and local sporting events. I go to Hagley Park a lot for touch, softball and sevens. Thomson Park too.”

The Aranui Library has been rebuilt, and people there are good. It opens up opportunities for kids who don’t have much in their area. I’m using it for books, research and homework. It’s really flash. It doesn’t look that big but once you walk in, it’s massive.”



Tristan Jackson
Linwood



What activities are included in recreation and leisure?

Events and festivals

- Event promotion and marketing
- Production of major events and festivals (run by the Council)
- Manage the central city event spaces
- Management of grants for events
- Co-ordination and support of third party major festivals and events

Recreation and sports services

- Multi-purpose recreation and sport centres, swimming pools, stadia and other recreation and sporting facilities
- Facility based recreational and sporting programmes and activities
- Accessible community-based recreational and sporting programmes and events
- Capacity building of recreation and sport in Christchurch at all levels
- Support for major sports events

Why is the Council involved in recreation and leisure?

- The Council delivers a year-round calendar of free or affordably-priced events aimed primarily at Christchurch residents, and supports festivals and events for both residents and visitors which attract visitor spend into Christchurch. Events strengthen community pride, help cement our reputation as the Garden City, promote the understanding of different cultures and healthy lifestyle choices, and showcase the quality of lifestyle available in Christchurch.
- The Council provides facilities and supports opportunities for all members of the community to participate and enjoy recreation and sport. Council complements the existing network of service provision, particularly where the other organisations are unable to meet identified community need.
- Facilities are essential to give the community accessible places to participate in recreation and sport at all levels, and together with community based recreation and sport opportunities they act as a lifestyle incentive to attract families to Christchurch.
- Participation in recreation and sport is essential to improving quality of life and a key way for Council to help build strong and safe communities with active healthy people and families. Participation is a major contributor to personal health and wellbeing, develops lifelong physical and social skills and reduces self-destructive or anti-social behaviour.
- High profile sport and major sporting events make a major contribution to the city's economy, its identity and the positive image of Christchurch on the national and international stage.

How does recreation and leisure contribute to our community outcomes?

Christchurch is recognised as a great place to work, live, visit, invest and do business

Promoting Christchurch, coordinating the events calendar and producing, coordinating and funding a range of events and festivals ensures consistently high visitor numbers to the city and enhances the perception of Christchurch as an attractive place to live and invest in.

Supporting and building the capacity of organisations to deliver recreation and sport activities enhances the opportunities available.

Providing facilities and community based recreation give the community access to places and spaces to participate in recreation and sport.

Arts and culture thrive in Christchurch

Producing, coordinating and funding a range of events and festivals contributes to a flourishing arts and culture scene in the city.

People are actively involved in their communities and local issues

Coordinating the provision of events support to the events industry and managing the distribution of event grants provides opportunities for residents to get involved in their communities.

Cultural and ethnic diversity is valued and celebrated

Supporting, managing, and funding events that celebrate cultural diversity

Contributes to the celebration of cultural and ethnic diversity in the city.

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How does recreation and leisure contribute to our community outcomes? (continued)

People have equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and libraries

Providing facilities gives all members of the community the opportunity to participate and enjoy recreation and sport.

There is increasing participation in recreation and sporting activities

Facilities complement the existing network of service provision, particularly where other organisations are unable to meet identified community need.

Providing facilities and community based recreation gives the community access to places and spaces to participate in recreation and sport.

Services are available locally within the urban areas

Providing facilities and community based recreation offers a lifestyle incentive to attract families to Christchurch.

What changes are planned for recreation and leisure?

Opening hours and availability of recreation facilities will slowly improve as facilities are repaired or replaced. Both the size and number of events will be upgraded over time.

What negative effects or risks can occur in relation to recreation and leisure?

Negative Effects

Mitigation Options

Higher costs of meeting health and safety standards, and legal obligations	Proactive management and anticipating future requirements to meet future health and safety standards, and legal obligations.
Increasing costs of energy and other raw materials	Sustainable energy initiatives.
Asset failure and/or retaining aged facilities	On-going programme of asset maintenance and renewal, and exploring ways to deliver more efficiently.
Activities fail to meet the changing needs of the community	Design and adapt programmes to meet changing customer needs. Improve accessibility of programmes and facilities.
Loss of economic benefits due to inability to retain international reputation as a host city	Maintain the reputation for providing high levels of service. Continue to promote special strengths of Christchurch. Keeping up-to-date with requirements and trends to remain competitive.
Traffic and parking congestion associated with events and activities.	Prepare and implement approved traffic management plans. Communicate with affected residents and businesses.
Noise disturbance for neighbours	Communicate with affected residents and business. Implement noise control measures.



Photographer: Eric Lang Title: 'Land sailing on Waimairi beach' Location: Waimairi beach, Christchurch

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Events and festivals	Christchurch is recognised as a great place to work, live, visit, invest and do business. Arts and culture thrive in Christchurch. People are actively involved in their communities and local issues. Cultural and ethnic diversity is valued and celebrated	Event promotion and marketing	Manage and develop icon events.	Events in place (NZ Cup and Show Week, Ellerslie International Flower Show)	
				NZ IceFest to achieve icon event criteria by October 2014	
			Manage and develop Major events	Events in place at Major Event level.	
				Develop one other metropolitan community event to reach major event status by 2014/15.	
				Provide and support year-round programme of events	Residents satisfied with range of events and festivals delivered
		Production of major events and festivals (run by the Council)	Produce top quality events – such as Summertimes, Kidsfest, Guy Fawkes Fireworks	Attendee satisfied with the content and delivery across four Council-funded events	
		Manage the central city event spaces	Manage and develop the central city event spaces	Events in the central city events spaces on average 2 days a week	
		Attendee satisfaction with event venue and content			
Recreation and sports services	People have equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and libraries. There is increasing participation in recreation and sporting activities. Christchurch is recognised as a great place to work, live, visit, invest and do business. Services are available locally within the urban areas.	Multi-purpose recreation and sport centres, swimming pools, stadia and other recreation and sporting facilities	Provide residents access to fit-for-purpose recreation and sporting facilities	Specified recreation and sporting facilities open 364 days per year 99-106 hrs/week Monday to Friday: 5.30am-9.30pm Saturday/ Sunday: 7.00am-8.00pm (opening hours subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
				Specified fitness centres open 364 days per year, 70-84 hrs/week, Monday to Thursday: 6.00am-9.00pm, Friday: 6.00am-6.00pm, Saturday/Sunday: 8.00am-2.00pm, (opening hours subject to satisfactory levels of demand, maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	

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Current Performance	Planned performance		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Two events	Two events in place (NZ Cup and Show Week, Ellerslie International Flower Show)	Two events in place (NZ Cup and Show Week, Ellerslie International Flower Show)	Three events in place (NZ Cup and Show Week, Ellerslie International Flower Show, NZ IceFest)
New	NZ IceFest to achieve icon event criteria by October 2014	NZ IceFest to achieve icon event criteria by October 2014	
Two events: World Buskers Festival, Christchurch Arts festival	Two events in place at Major Event level.	Two events in place at Major Event level.	Three events in place at Major Event level.
New	Develop one other metropolitan community event to reach major event status by 2014/15.	Develop one other metropolitan community event to reach major event status by 2014/15.	
90% resident Annual Residents survey satisfaction with the overall year-round programme of events and festivals that the Council supports	At least 90% residents satisfaction with range of events and festivals delivered	Maintain	Maintain
90% attendee satisfaction with the quality of events produced by Council (measured across 5 Council produced events annually)	At least 90% attendee satisfaction with the content and delivery across four Council-funded events	Maintain	Maintain
Event activity in Cathedral Square, then the Events Village on 2 days a week (average).	Events in the central city events spaces on average 2 days a week	Events in the central city events spaces on average 2 days a week	
2011/12: 93%. 2010/11: Not surveyed post earthquakes. 2009/10: 96%	90% attendee satisfaction with event venue and content	90% attendee satisfaction with event venue and content	
3 multi-purpose recreation and sport centres: Open 364 days per year 106 hrs/week 7 days/week	Graham Condon, Jellie Park and Pioneer (includes new Learn to Swim pool, since Mar 2012): Open 364 days per year 99-106 hrs/week Monday to Friday: 5.30am-9.30pm Saturday/Sunday: 7.00am-8.00pm (opening hours subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	Graham Condon, Jellie Park and Pioneer (includes new Learn to Swim pool, since Mar 2012): Open 364 days per year 99-106 hrs/week Monday to Friday: 5.30am-9.30pm Saturday/Sunday: 7.00am-8.00pm (opening hours subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
1 fitness centre: Open 84 hrs/week, 7 days/week, 364 days/yr	QEII Fitness @ Parklands: Open 364 days per year, 70-84 hrs/week, Monday to Thursday: 6.00am-9.00pm, Friday: 6.00am-6.00pm, Saturday/Sunday: 8.00am-2.00pm, (opening hours subject to satisfactory levels of demand, maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	QEII Fitness @ Parklands: Open 364 days per year, 70-84 hrs/week, Monday to Thursday: 6.00am-9.00pm, Friday: 6.00am-6.00pm, Saturday/Sunday: 8.00am-2.00pm, (opening hours subject to satisfactory levels of demand, maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	

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Recreation and sports services (continued)			Measure	Specified public outdoor pools open seasonally subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities	
				Specified community outdoor pools open seasonally subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities	
				Number of paddling pools open seasonally: open November to March (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
				Number of stadia available for hire 364 days per year (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
				Number of sporting and recreation facilities maintained and available for lease (opening hours subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
				Deliver a high level of customer satisfaction with the range and quality of facilities	Customers are satisfied with the range and quality of facilities on a 7 point scale using CERM international benchmark
				Provide facilities that have current PoolSafe accreditation and meet national standards for water quality	Maintain PoolSafe accreditation for all eligible pools
					Pool water quality standards are at least 85% of NZS 5826-2010
		Facility based recreational and sporting programmes and activities		Provide well utilised facility based recreational and sporting programmes and activities	At least a specified number of participants use multipurpose recreation and sport centres, outdoor pools and stadia
					Visits to aquatic facilities/head of population

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	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
5 public outdoor pools open seasonally; Jellie Park, Lyttelton, Waltham, Halswell, Templeton (Lyttelton & Waltham closed pending facility rebuild prioritisation)	Five public outdoor pools open seasonally: Jellie Park, Lyttelton, Halswell and Waltham; open November to March Templeton; open December to February (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	Five public outdoor pools open seasonally: Jellie Park, Lyttelton, Halswell and Waltham; open November to March Templeton; open December to February (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
2 community outdoor pools open seasonally; Governors Bay, Port Levy	Two community outdoor pools open seasonally: Governors Bay, Port Levy (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	Two community outdoor pools open seasonally: Governors Bay, Port Levy (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
8 paddling pools open seasonally; (6 closed pending facility rebuild prioritisation)	Eight paddling pools open seasonally: open November to March (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	Eight paddling pools open seasonally: open November to March (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
4 stadia available 364 days/year (Lyttelton closed pending facility rebuild prioritisation)	Four stadia available for hire 364 days per year (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	Four stadia available for hire 364 days per year (subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
17 leased sporting and recreation facilities (Porrirt Park closed pending facility rebuild prioritisation)	Seventeen sporting and recreation facilities maintained and available for lease (opening hours subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	Seventeen sporting and recreation facilities maintained and available for lease (opening hours subject to maintenance, public holiday schedules and rebuild priorities)	
5.9 score of customer satisfaction with range and quality of facilities (CERM international benchmark on a 7 point scale)	At least 80% of customers are satisfied with the range and quality of facilities (5.8 on a 7 point scale using CERM international benchmark)	At least 80% of customers are satisfied with the range and quality of facilities (5.8 on a 7 point scale using CERM international benchmark)	
PoolSafe accreditation maintained for all eligible pools	Maintain PoolSafe accreditation for all eligible pools	Maintain PoolSafe accreditation for all eligible pools	
Comply with national standards for pool water quality. NZS 5826-2010 at 85%	Pool water quality standards are at least 85% of NZS 5826-2010	Pool water quality standards are at least 85% of NZS 5826-2010	
2.85 million participants through multi-purpose recreation and sports centres, outdoor pools and stadia.	The number of participants using multipurpose recreation and sport centres, outdoor pools and stadia: At least 3.05 million	The number of participants using multipurpose recreation and sport centres, outdoor pools and stadia: At least 3.11 million	
4.33 visits to aquatic facilities/ head of population	At least 4.44 visits to aquatic facilities/head of population	At least 4.46 visits to aquatic facilities/head of population	

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Recreation and sports services (continued)			Measure	Participations in Swimsafe lessons
		Accessible community-based recreational and sporting programmes and events	Deliver accessible community-based recreation and sport programmes, events and campaigns	Accessible community-based recreation and sport campaigns, programmes and events delivered per annum
				Percent of campaigns, programmes and events that target populations with accessibility challenges
				Contract Surf Lifesaving NZ to provide regional surf lifeguard services at Christchurch beaches each summer
			Deliver a high level of participant satisfaction with the range, content and delivery of accessible community based recreation and sport programmes, events and campaigns	Participants are satisfied with range, content and delivery of accessible community based recreation and sport programmes, events and campaigns
		Capacity building of recreation and sport in Christchurch at all levels	Support community based organisations and networks to develop, promote and deliver recreation and sport in Christchurch	Staff hours of support are provided to at least 500 organisations
			Deliver a high level of customer satisfaction with the support provided to community based recreation and sport organisations	Customers satisfied with the support they receive for community based recreation and sport organisations
		Support for major sports events	Deliver economic benefit to the city by supporting a range of regional, national and international sporting events consistent with Council Policy, in liaison with the Council Events Team.	Support a range of regional, national and international sporting events, in line with the Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and the Events Strategy

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Current Performance	Planned performance		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
114,000 participations in Swimsafe lessons (school time learn to swim including Kiwisport programme)	At least 103,000 participations in Swimsafe lessons	At least 104,000 participations in Swimsafe lessons	
1206 programmes and events/ annum	900 - 1100 accessible community-based recreation and sport campaigns, programmes and events delivered per annum	900 - 1100 accessible community-based recreation and sport campaigns, programmes and events delivered per annum	
100% of programmes and events targeted on populations with accessibility challenges	95 - 100% of campaigns, programmes and events target populations with accessibility challenges	95 - 100% of campaigns, programmes and events target populations with accessibility challenges	
Not measured historically	Contract Surf Lifesaving NZ to provide regional surf lifeguard services at Christchurch beaches for 30 days each summer	Contract Surf Lifesaving NZ to provide regional surf lifeguard services at Christchurch beaches for 30 days each summer	
94% of customers satisfied with range, content and delivery of accessible community based recreation and sport programmes, events and campaigns	At least 90% of participants are satisfied with range, content and delivery of accessible community based recreation and sport programmes, events and campaigns	At least 90% of participants are satisfied with range, content and delivery of accessible community based recreation and sport programmes, events and campaigns	
9,200 hrs of staff support provided to greater than 550 organisations	8,300-9,200 staff hours of support provided to at least 500 organisations	8,300-9,200 staff hours of support provided to at least 500 organisations	
New	At least 75% of customers satisfied with the support they receive for community based recreation and sport organisations	At least 75% of customers satisfied with the support they receive for community based recreation and sport organisations	
Support a range of regional, national and international sporting events, in line with the Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and the Events Strategy	Support a range of regional, national and international sporting events, in line with the Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and the Events Strategy	Support a range of regional, national and international sporting events, in line with the Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and the Events Strategy	

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Annual Plan 2012/13		Three Year Plan 2013 - 2016		
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
		\$000		
	Cost of proposed services			
24,037	Recreation and Sports Services	24,508	26,190	29,015
9,798	Events and Festivals	9,047	9,328	9,079
33,835		33,555	35,518	38,094
	Operating revenue from proposed services			
9,332	Recreation and Sports Services	10,673	10,965	14,936
3,603	Events and Festivals	3,559	4,068	3,762
12,935		14,232	15,033	18,698
1,781	Capital revenues	6,375	3,158	11,996
-	Vested assets	-	-	-
19,119	Net cost of services	12,948	17,327	7,400

Rationale for activity funding (see also the Revenue and Financing Policy)

User charges for these activities are collected at a level considered reasonable by Council and in line with Council's policy of promoting recreational and leisure activities. Revenue is also sought from Grants and Subsidies where they are available.

The balance of the Net Cost of Services is funded by general rates as the whole community benefits from these activities.

Development contributions are applied towards appropriate capital expenditure. The balance of capital expenditure is funded corporately in accordance with the Revenue and Financing Policy.

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Annual Plan 2012/13		Three Year Plan 2013 - 2016		
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
		\$000		
	Sources of operating funding			
15,787	General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	16,729	18,815	18,023
-	- Targeted rates	-	-	-
1,654	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	1,573	2,027	1,663
11,171	Fees and charges	12,549	12,893	16,919
-	- Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
-	- Earthquake recoveries	-	-	-
110	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees, and other receipts	110	113	116
28,722	Total operating funding	30,961	33,848	36,721
	Applications of operating funding			
24,777	Payments to staff and suppliers	25,725	27,603	29,648
563	Finance costs	265	385	602
1,602	Internal charges and overheads applied	1,901	1,947	2,059
2,988	Other operating funding applications	2,901	2,651	2,491
29,930	Total applications of operating funding	30,792	32,586	34,800
(1,208)	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	169	1,262	1,921
	Sources of capital funding			
-	- Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
381	Development and financial contributions	551	740	896
1,400	Earthquake recoveries	5,824	2,418	11,100
1,825	Increase (decrease) in debt	17,271	105,701	38,548
-	- Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
-	- Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
3,606	Total sources of capital funding	23,646	108,859	50,544

Annual Plan 2012/13		Three Year Plan 2013 - 2016		
		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
		\$000		
	Applications of capital funding			
	Capital expenditure			
1,113	- to replace existing assets	1,829	2,672	3,171
2,800	- earthquake rebuild	23,596	108,336	50,000
1,650	- to improve the level of service	50	523	544
-	- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
(3,165)	Increase (decrease) in reserves	(1,660)	(1,410)	(1,250)
-	- Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
2,398	Total applications of capital funding	23,815	110,121	52,465
1,208	Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	(169)	(1,262)	(1,921)
0	Funding balance	-	-	-
	Reconciliation to net cost of services			
(1,208)	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding from funding impact statement	169	1,262	1,921
(15,787)	Remove rates funding	(16,729)	(18,815)	(18,023)
(3,905)	Deduct depreciation expense	(2,763)	(2,932)	(3,294)
1,781	Add capital revenues	6,375	3,158	11,996
-	- Add vested assets / non cash revenue	-	-	-
(19,119)	Net cost of services per activity statement surplus/(deficit)	(12,948)	(17,327)	(7,400)