



From the Prime Minister

Since I launched the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal on 27 February 2011, the Government's official, global fundraiser has made a huge difference in helping Cantabrians recover and begin rebuilding their lives following the series of destructive earthquakes.

I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved with this project - your overwhelming support and generosity knows no bounds. I've said many times before that in the very worst of circumstances, we see the very best of New Zealanders.

I'd like to pay special tribute to Mark Weldon, who spearheaded the appeal during its major fundraising phase. Mark donated his expertise, and countless hours, to maximise the reach of the appeal. I know he was very ably supported by the three appeal trustees and the advisory board members, who all did a great job in difficult circumstances. The success of the appeal to date speaks volumes about their dedication and desire to help.

When I made the decision to galvanise the fundraising efforts for Christchurch through an official Government appeal, so many people and organisations pulled together to make it happen. In only a matter of days, the official Christchurch Earthquake Appeal went live and donations started rolling in from all over the world.

To date, the appeal has raised over \$100 million from the generous donations of both Kiwis and the international community.

The appeal was established to help plug the gaps in services and facilities that Cantabrians rely on, and to help get the region back on its feet. We wanted to create a vehicle to assist in the rebuilding of communities across Canterbury and we're achieving that through the work of the Appeal Trust.

The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal has channelled an astonishing \$49.76 million [as at 30 September 2012] back into the community and supported more than 100 projects across the region.

Cantabrians are persevering despite the challenges that have been thrown their way over the past two years. There is still a long road ahead for many and the Government, with the support of the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust, is committed to doing what it takes to rebuild the region in the coming months and years.

Thank you for all your great work and the contribution you are making to the rebuild and recovery of greater Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri.

Rt Hon John Key
Prime Minister of New Zealand



Announcing the \$1.1 million grant for Kaiapoi's Aquatic Centre



Mark Weldon

About the Appeal Trust

At lunchtime on Tuesday 22 February 2011 Canterbury, New Zealand was hit by a 6.3 magnitude earthquake. Five days later, New Zealand's Prime Minister John Key launched the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal, the Government's official fundraiser for the recovery effort.

It raised more than \$100 million. \$24 million is directed to specific projects. In the year to 30 June 2012 \$47.26 million was granted to 112 projects to help Canterbury communities recover.

The Trustees expect to allocate the remaining funds by 2014.

The Trustees are: Dr Rod Carr, Colin MacDonald and Gabriel Makhlof

The Advisory Board members are: Ros Burdon, Jane Huria, Justin Murray, Tane Norton, Pamela Richardson, David Close and Anthony Rimell.

"Every dollar donated will be granted to Canterbury. All Appeal Trust administration costs are met by the New Zealand Government."