



## A vision for our future Christchurch

This vision describes how the Christchurch City Council sees the long-term future of Christchurch and its community.

It provides an over-arching set of future themes which represent the Council's long-term focus and priorities in contributing towards achieving the Community Outcomes.

The themes of this vision are guided by the Community Outcomes, and are reflected in, and implemented through, the Council's Strategic Directions and Activities detailed in this Community Plan.

Together, these future themes provide a clear focus for the Council to work with the community and with its city partners towards a vital and sustainable future Christchurch.

*Our future* Christchurch is a **world-class**  
*boutique city, where people enjoy a*  
**sustainable lifestyle, a healthy environment,**  
*a* **strong economic base** *and the*  
**diverse landscapes** *of the*  
*city and peninsula.*



## Christchurch will be...

### ... a place where people enjoy living



We're making the most of our place in the world, while keeping our distinct local character. Our people enjoy diverse living environments, from thriving urban villages and a vibrant central city to the hills, harbours and open spaces of the peninsula. We're leaders in heritage protection and urban renewal, and at the forefront of innovative urban design that reinforces our sense of community.

### ... the most attractive city in New Zealand



Our Garden City reputation is second to none. Visitors and locals alike delight in our iconic parks and gardens, and the kaleidoscope of creative arts, festivals, events, sports and recreation that make the place hum. As the world's gateway to the South Island and Antarctica, we offer world-class accommodation choices and an array of attractions that provide unforgettable experiences for our visitors.

### ... a place of inclusive communities



People are the heart of our communities. We work alongside others to support health and wellbeing, and to ensure all citizens are safe and supported. We're proud to be a 'peace city' – committed to diversity, tolerance and social equity. People have opportunities to make positive contributions through paid and voluntary work, and enjoy access to healthy leisure and lifestyle choices.

### ... a global economic destination



Our city has found its niche in the global economy. We're expanding our traditional economic base, but also investing in global connections to support emerging technologies, and to attract investment in creative, knowledge-based industries. We offer world-class education and training to give our children future-proof skills, and we're attracting the world's sharpest thinkers and innovators.

### ... a thriving, healthy environment



Our distinctive environment and landscapes have been protected through sound, sustainable development. We've maintained the abundant recreational, social and economic opportunities across the city and peninsula for future generations, while safeguarding our natural resources – and we continue to enjoy clean water in our homes and waterways, and clean air in the city.