



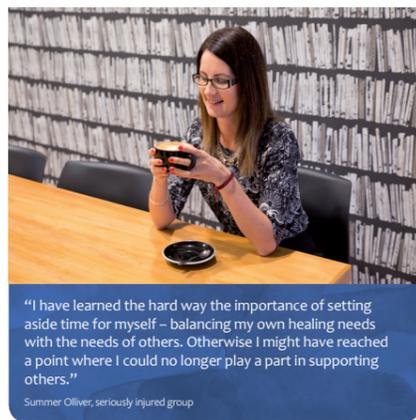
“Leadership is about weaving different people and different perspectives together for the region’s recovery.”
Sharon Tonstenson, supporting community service groups



“Out of the damage you can grow people – to be better connected, more confident and empowered. You can build a city and its people together within iwi, whānau and communities.”
Hēmi Te Hēmi, He Toki ki te Rika – Inspiring Māori Leadership in Trades



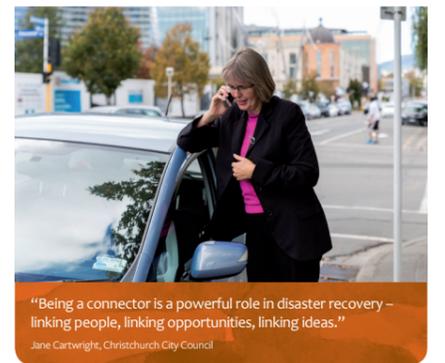
“Good leadership needs space for reflection. This view on my commute home provides a daily reminder of what I value in my life which underpins my work – my love of this place, fa’aSamoa and my family (from here I can see home).”
Magnum Tuipulotu, community development



“I have learned the hard way the importance of setting aside time for myself – balancing my own healing needs with the needs of others. Otherwise I might have reached a point where I could no longer play a part in supporting others.”
Summer Olliver, seriously injured group



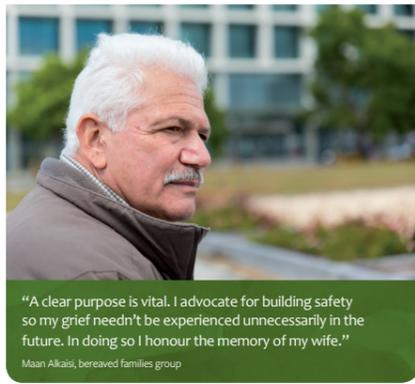
“Flexibility was key. My dining table became our office desk, the meeting space for many – around which conversations were held, problems solved and support provided along with endless cups of tea.”
Helen Gatonyi, Tenants Protection Agency



“Being a connector is a powerful role in disaster recovery – linking people, linking opportunities, linking ideas.”
Jane Cartwright, Christchurch City Council



“My mission has been to fly the people flag as often as possible and as high as possible. People are the most important factor.”
Michelle Mitchell, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority



“A clear purpose is vital. I advocate for building safety so my grief needn’t be experienced unnecessarily in the future. In doing so I honour the memory of my wife.”
Maan Akkai, bereaved families group



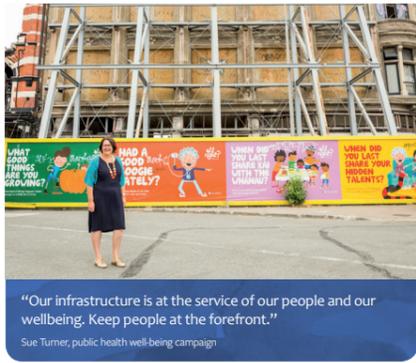
“Rebuilding and revitalising Christchurch is critical for the return to normality. To contribute to this has been a special privilege.”
Sir John Hansen, Red Cross Earthquake Commissioner



“It can’t be just me in the photo – my team was incredible. Have courage to share the load and the rewards. We are all in this together.”
Kaye Talaroa, government organisational resilience forum



“A quiet conversation over coffee can do wonders for bringing people together and understanding different perspectives.”
Margot Christeller, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority

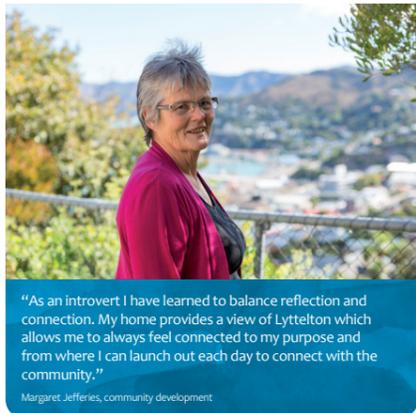


“Our infrastructure is at the service of our people and our wellbeing. Keep people at the forefront.”
Sue Turner, public health well-being campaign

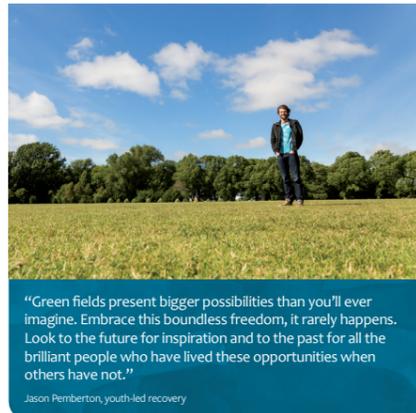
Ehara taku toa, i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini.
Mine is not the strength of one alone, it is the strength of many.

LEADING IN DISASTER RECOVERY A COMPANION THROUGH THE CHAOS

Leadership in recovery is a ‘warp speed’ journey. It can be a horrible opportunity for growth and transformation – for communities and leaders. Here we asked but a few of Canterbury’s leaders to share their journey through a photograph.



“As an introvert I have learned to balance reflection and connection. My home provides a view of Lyttelton which allows me to always feel connected to my purpose and from where I can launch out each day to connect with the community.”
Margaret Jefferies, community development



“Green fields present bigger possibilities than you’ll ever imagine. Embrace this boundless freedom, it rarely happens. Look to the future for inspiration and to the past for all the brilliant people who have lived these opportunities when others have not.”
Jason Pemberton, youth-led recovery



“As a leader you’ve got to model the values you want from others. Collaborative team work was always going to be critical to the rebuild of Christchurch’s infrastructure.”
Duncan Gibb, Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild team



“This experience is about taking the opportunity to not necessarily build back what was there before but to have vision and build our city back better.”
Peter Townsend, Chamber of Commerce



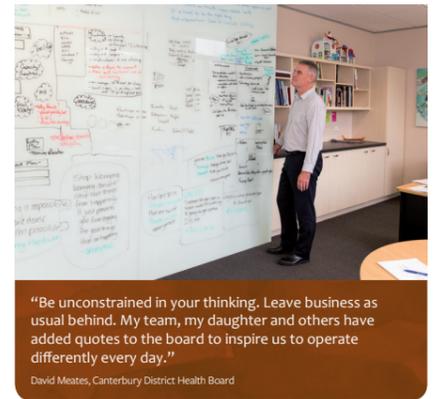
“Talk to real people, read the paper, chat with a taxi driver... understand the realities.”
Sarbj Johal, clinical psychologist



“Have a place to gather where people feel comfortable. Listening over a cup of tea is as important as providing information.”
Bill Simpson, Southshore community house



“This is a moment in history. As leaders we have an obligation to create a city that is accessible to everyone. This is my mission.”
Cam Scott, disability advocate



“Be unconstrained in your thinking. Leave business as usual behind. My team, my daughter and others have added quotes to the board to inspire us to operate differently every day.”
David Meates, Canterbury District Health Board