

# Media Release

## People's stories highlight evolving city

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A five part mini-documentary series featuring Christchurch business owners, entrepreneurs, and community groups is available to view from today via the [futurechristchurch.co.nz](http://futurechristchurch.co.nz) website.

The series, titled Christchurch – The Ever Evolving City, was produced over the past four months and shows the progress of the community through their own words.

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority chief executive Roger Sutton says the series is a snapshot in time, showing progress across all aspects of the rebuild.

"We wanted to show the good news stories we constantly hear. These are local people talking about their own achievements and goals as our recovery evolves," he says.

"It's important to point out that this is not CERA's story, and the plans and ambitions of the people who took part may well be outside the scope CERA is working to.

But this recovery is actually for the next generation and the generation after that – not the people implementing the Government's work plan today."

Mr Sutton says the series, which cost around \$90,000 to produce, is an important part of the Canterbury recovery story and needs to be shared.

"More than 400 DVD copies of the series will be delivered to various Christchurch locations such as retirement complexes, schools, cafes, businesses and malls.

"We encourage people to watch it, pass it on to family and friends and then send your feedback via the Future Christchurch website.

"Today, on the fourth anniversary of the first major quake, we need to celebrate success. This is something to send to friends and family around the country and the world so they can appreciate the people of this Canterbury community, and the future they are building."

The five parts of the series will be loaded to the website over the next five days at [www.futurechristchurch.co.nz/videos](http://www.futurechristchurch.co.nz/videos)

Each programme is roughly 10 minutes long.