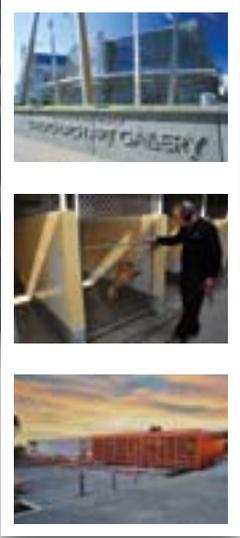


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Highlights



*Plan of the new Council building
due for completion 2010, Worcester Boulevard entrance*



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Cultural achievements

- The Christchurch Art Gallery hosted 23 exhibitions during the year: 24,142 people visited the *Morris & Co: The World of William Morris* exhibition and there were 56,264 visitors to *Bill Hammond: Jingle Jangle Morning* with a further 62, 583 seeing this Christchurch Art Gallery touring exhibition during its showing at City Gallery, Wellington.
- The Welcome to Christchurch campaign was launched in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, CPIT, University of Canterbury, Lincoln University and the Police to help fight racial discrimination against international students.

Economic achievements

- The Christchurch City Council led the other councils in the region in the establishment of the Canterbury Regional Governance Group (RGG) which is needed to enable the region to capitalise on Central Government funding through the Regional Strategy Fund and the enterprising partnership fund.
- Christchurch bought the rights to host the country's most prestigious garden event, the Ellerslie International Flower Show. The first Christchurch show will be held in March 2009.
- A major upgrade of the City Mall started during the year.
- Implementation for the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) commenced, with a key focus on providing information to support an approach to Central Government to assist with transport funding. While this is a regional initiative, there is a significant Greater Christchurch component.

Environmental achievements

- A major review of several key by laws was completed by Council including the bylaws for Dog Control, Marine and River Facilities, Parks and Reserves, Public Places, Stock Control, Traffic and Parking, Water Related Services and the General Bylaw.
- Significant work has been undertaken in tendering the new three wheelie-bin waste service in 2007/08. Long term contracts were awarded to TPIG Clean Away for the kerbside services, TPIG/Living Earth for the compost plant and Meta NZ for the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).
- The Council conducted a comprehensive consultation regarding the proposed Bus Priority Routes and approved the first three routes to progress to design and construction.
- Significant land purchases were identified and made for the new Christchurch Transport Interchange in the Central City.
- Asset renewal works progressed well over the year at the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment plant with the commissioning of an upgraded Pump Station A and replacement of an old gas compressor.
- The Council commenced quarterly water meter reading in Akaroa and conducted water loss reduction studies in both Akaroa and Lyttelton basin. This information will be fed into the asset renewal programmes and will help predict future demand requirements in these settlements.
- The Blenheim Road deviation was opened, greatly improving traffic flow in the area around Blenheim Road and Hagley Park and resulting in an easier passage in and out of the city.

Social achievements

- The Draft Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan, a framework for the development of the Christchurch City Libraries' network for the next 20 years, was approved for community consultation by Council in March. Hearings on the submissions were held in June.
- International sporting events such as the World Bowls Tournament, World Croquet Tournament and the Oceania Swimming Championships continue to cement Christchurch as New Zealand's leading sport city.
- In December 2007 we officially opened Whakahoia Village, a brand new housing complex in Gowerton Place which was the product of a partnership with Housing New Zealand.



Celebrating our success

Legal services unit

Christchurch City Council legal advisers, the Legal Services Unit, scooped the premium In-House Counsel Team Award at the 3rd Annual New Zealand Law Awards 2007. The law profession's national awards recognise excellence and client satisfaction and are voted on by senior members of the profession, legal services consumers, and law firm employees through The New Zealand Lawyer magazine.

New Zealand Peace Bell

The work of Capital Delivery Team Architects Crispin Shurr and Kerry Hoglund on the NZ World Peace Bell was recognised with four awards in 2007: the NZIA Resene Local Architecture Award Canterbury; the NZIA Resene Colour Award Canterbury; the NZ Concrete Society – Landscaping Award; and the DINZ – Best Design Awards – Spatial Design – Public and Institutional Spaces – Silver

New Zealand Cup and Show Week 2007

The Council's Marketing Services Team was runner-up and received a Commended award in the Best Marketing of Event category of the New Zealand Association of Event Professionals for the New Zealand Cup and Show Week 2007.

Landfill gas project

The Christchurch City Council's landfill gas to QEII project, which powers QEII Leisure Centre with gas collected at Burwood Landfill, was shortlisted as a finalist for the prestigious Beca innovation awards. This award is given to the project (in all engineering disciplines) deemed to represent the best innovation in the Beca group across all countries where they operate.

Wainoni Park renewal

The Christchurch City Council, along with Housing New Zealand, and Aranui Community Trust was one of the two winners of the 2007 New Zealand Recreation Association Outstanding Project Award for the Wainoni Park Renewal project.

Marketing services

Marketing Services Manager Benjamin Day received a New Zealand Institute of Management Trust Scholarship for a study/conference trip to San Diego.

Māori Language Week Art Award

The Christchurch Art Gallery received a national accolade for its suite of activities celebrating Māori language, winning the Art Award at the 2007 Māori Language Week Awards. The Gallery was acknowledged for producing the first Māori language art audio guide, providing background to and interpretation of Māori and European works of art; the production of Māori language labels for a number of works in the Gallery's permanent collections; and a Kapa Haka performance during the regular Thursday Kids in Town public programme.

Bill Hammond: Jingle Jangle Morning

The Christchurch Art Gallery's spectacular book *Bill Hammond: Jingle Jangle Morning* recently won several awards at the BPANZ Book Design Awards 2008 and the Montana New Zealand Book Awards. It won Best Illustrated Book, Best Cover and the Best Overall Book. *Jingle Jangle Morning* also received the coveted Best Illustrative Book Award at the gala ceremony for the Montana New Zealand Book Awards.

Julia Morrison: A Loop Around A Loop

The Christchurch Art Gallery's elegant *Julia Morrison: A Loop Around A Loop* was shortlisted for the coveted Best Illustrative Book Award of the Montana New Zealand Book Awards 2007. This beautiful, collectable artist's book contains colour images of many of this inventive and significant New Zealand artist's work, all newly photographed in the spectacular spaces of Christchurch Art Gallery.



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