

Host your own conversation on the future of Greater Christchurch

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2050

1. Introduction

While the year 2050 may seem a long time away, in order to meet the needs of our future communities, we need to start planning now.

Currently around 490,000 people live in Greater Christchurch. We want to hear what you think Greater Christchurch should look like in 30 years; what you think is important for Greater Christchurch to offer its people in 2050; and what concerns you have about Greater Christchurch in 2050.

A lot has changed in the past 10 years. Christchurch city and surrounding towns in Waimakariri and Selwyn have been focused on rebuilding and recovering after the earthquakes.

We have shown an ability to withstand sudden shocks, to adapt and work together to support each other through adversity. That ability to respond to shocks is being tested again now as we respond and adapt to the changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and response.

The world is changing, and will continue to change, and it is important for us to look ahead and make sure we have the right plans, tools and resources to support the health and wellbeing of the people who live here, and the environment we live in.

Our city, towns and communities face some difficult decisions:

- How we adapt, respond to and mitigate the impacts of climate change, and what this means for our communities, our economy and our place?
- Where and how we grow to make sure our city and towns continue to provide what people need to live good lives?
- How we can manage the challenges and create opportunities resulting from technology and other social and global changes?

We also want to consider our role in Canterbury, the South Island and New Zealand – looking beyond Greater Christchurch, what contribution and role do we have in the future of our region, our island and the country?

People tell us the thing they love most about living here is the lifestyle. We have space to grow and need to work together to make the most of our strengths, and attract and retain people, business and investment, while protecting what's important to us.

Your feedback will help to shape a vision for the future of Greater Christchurch.

What do we mean by Greater Christchurch?

Greater Christchurch is a term used to describe the sub-region including Christchurch city and nearby areas within the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts, from Rolleston to Rangiora. It is the second largest urban centre in New Zealand and is home to 10% of the country's population.



2. How your input helps develop a vision and plan for Greater Christchurch

We are creating a refreshed vision and plan for Greater Christchurch to 2050. The plan builds on strategies and plans which are already in place but takes a longer-term look to ensure we are setting ourselves up well to ensure wellbeing not just for us, but also for our children and grandchildren.

We'd love to hear what you think is important for Greater Christchurch to provide and be as we look forward 30 years.

This is the beginning of a process. The next steps following public engagement are as follows:

1. **November – December 2020:** The findings from public engagement (online survey and “host your own conversation” workshops) will help inform a series of workshops with specific audiences and stakeholder groups. These stakeholder discussions will begin to define the vision and outcomes we collectively aspire to for Greater Christchurch and start to identify the priorities and collective action needed to get us there.
2. **January – June 2021:** Development of a draft vision, outcomes and plan.

3. The “Host Your Own Conversation” Toolkit

Toolkit

This facilitation guide will help you to set up and support conversations with your community group.

The tools available to support your conversation:

1. This guide
2. Background information on our website
3. The worksheets
4. A slide pack

All the tools can be found on the website: <https://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/greater-christchurch-2050/how-to-tell-us-what-you-want-for-2050>

These tools are designed to support your conversation – this can be as formal or informal as your group wants it to be. You also don't need to be experts. All you need is a group of people who are willing to share and discuss ideas, and who have an interest in the future of our communities

Type of Group / Setting:	Small Group / Informal Discussion	Larger Group / Formal Workshop	Online – Zoom
This guide	✓	✓	✓
Background information	Send link to participants Print off PDFs	Send link to participants Print off PDFs	Send link to participants
Worksheets	Print pack	Print pack for each table (which you can print to a larger size)	Send link to all participants
Slide pack	N/A	✓	✓
Other Materials	Note paper Pens for all participants	Pens Post-its Stickers	

Approach to Discussion

The size of your group and the setting will impact on how you run each discussion. Below is a suggested approach. For all workshops, its good to have a facilitator and a scribe/timekeeper.

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Capture on worksheets during the discussion	Use post-its and/or the printed worksheets (which you can print to a larger size) to capture views from across the table. Group post-its if that makes sense Use stickers to identify areas of strong consensus.	Ask people to do the exercise themselves, and then contribute to a group discussion to capture content on A4 worksheet

Fitting the workshop to the time you have

The workshop is designed to take two hours. However, you can do a cut down version in one hour. Suggested agendas are provided below. Note, larger groups may require more “report back” time.

2 Hour Workshop	1 Hour Workshop	Sections	Tools
20 mins	10 mins (don't do exercise)	Introduction Thinking about our place & our community exercise	Slides 1 – 5 Pens / paper
15 mins	Don't do	What makes Greater Christchurch great now? Discuss and record output; share if you have time	Slide 6 Worksheet 1
20 mins	10 mins (do if have time)	What do you want Greater Christchurch to be like in 2050? Discuss in smaller groups (10 mins); report back (10 mins)	Slide 7 Worksheet 2
20 mins	15 – 20 mins	What's important to you? Discuss in smaller groups (10 mins); report back (10 mins)	Slide 8 Worksheet 3
20 mins	15 – 20 mins	What concerns you? Discuss in smaller groups (10 mins); report back (10 mins)	Slide 9 Worksheet 4
10 mins	10 mins (do if have time)	How should our neighbourhoods continue to grow? Discuss and record output; share if you have time	Slide 10 Worksheet 5
10 mins	10 mins (do if have time)	Final Questions Discuss and record output; share if you have time	Slide 11 Worksheet 6
5 mins	5 mins	Wrap up	

Set up

1. Complete the “Lets Get To Know You” section
2. Welcome everyone
3. **Introduction:** use the information in Section 1 and 2 of this of this guide to introduce the discussion.
Key points:

- a. This is about Greater Christchurch – which including Christchurch city and nearby areas within the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts, from Rolleston to Rangiora.
- b. The purpose of the discussion today is to provide input on our preferences, priorities and concerns for Greater Christchurch in 2050. This will inform the development of a draft vision, outcomes and plan. This is the beginning of the project.

4. Getting in the right headspace

“This conversation is about our place (Greater Christchurch) and our community in 2050. It is about us thinking beyond just our own wants, to what is best for our place and our community in 2050. Before we start this discussion, could everyone please spend a few moments and think about:

- a. *This place – we have all taken very different life journeys to get to this place, Greater Christchurch. This place is our home. What is it about this place which is special to you, which gives you joy or strength? What do you value about this place and community?*
- b. *Our 2050 community – thinking forward 30-years, imagining Greater Christchurch as a place for you, your children or grandchildren. What is it important that Greater Christchurch offers to people living there? What will be necessary for people to have a good quality of life, meaningful and fulfilled lives? What values should be important and hold true?*

Thank you.” [You can ask people to share their thoughts with the whole group, their own table, the person next to them, or just to use it as a point of self-reflection]

Worksheets

Worksheet 1: What makes Greater Christchurch Great now?

This builds on the previous “getting the right headspace”. We want to understand what people value about Greater Christchurch right now.

1. Encourage people to capture specifically why a particular place is special – is it about a feeling, a sense of pride, enjoyment?
2. When identifying what people like least... again, its useful to be specific and provide the “because” – I don’t like X because Y.
3. You don’t need to get to consensus on this – it’s about capturing the range of views from the group. However, if there is strong consensus, please capture this information.

Worksheet 2: What do you want Greater Christchurch to be in 2050?

This question helps us understand how people see the identity of Greater Christchurch – what we want to be and known for.

1. Ask people, individually or in small groups, to do their own ranking first and then collate and discuss consensus, differences.
2. Capture conclusions of the discussion on the worksheet

Worksheet 3: What’s important to you?

This question seeks to understand what people feel is important for Greater Christchurch to offer in 2050 to provide high quality of life and wellbeing.

1. Ask people, individually or in small groups, to do their own ranking first and then collate and discuss consensus, differences.
2. People can choose to add additional options
3. Optional: it might be useful/interesting to talk about the top 10 statements as a collective:
 - a. Does this mix of outcomes provide a good quality of life / wellbeing for people in 30 years’ time?
 - b. How does this mix of outcomes provide a good quality of life / wellbeing for different groups of people in our community – is anyone missing out or disadvantaged with this mix of outcomes?
 - c. Is there anything important or critical missing from our top 10?
4. Capture conclusions of the discussion on the worksheet

Worksheet 4: What are your concerns?

This question seeks to understand what people are concerned about for Greater Christchurch as they look forward to 2050 to provide high quality of life and wellbeing.

1. Ask people individually or in small groups to do their own ranking first and then collate and discuss consensus, differences.
2. People can choose to add additional options
3. Optional: what does this the top 10 statements tell us as a collective – is there a strong theme coming through?
4. Capture conclusions of the discussion on the worksheet

Worksheet 5: How should your neighbourhood continue to grow?

We know the population of Greater Christchurch will grow, potentially significantly, over the next 30 years.

The purpose of this exercise is to understand what people want in their local area. We'd like you to think about your neighbourhood. It's up to your group how you want to define 'neighbourhood' – it might be a suburb, town, or even the whole Greater Christchurch area.

Optional: people can use postits or write on a description of the types of places they would like to see e.g. types of places to play, work etc.

Worksheet 6: Other questions

The purpose of these questions to gather a range of thoughts on potential solutions, actions which could help us to achieve the aspiration / respond to challenges for Greater Christchurch in 2050 we've identified in Worksheets 2 – 5.

- If you could do one thing to make Greater Christchurch even better, what would it be?
- Do you have any other thoughts or ideas about the future of Greater Christchurch that you'd like to share?

4. What's Next

How to submit your group's view and feedback

Ideally, we prefer the conclusions of your workshop written up into the completed worksheets. This will help us gather and analyse the information more quickly. Please let us know if this will be difficult for you and we will arrange another way to gather the information.

Please send your completed worksheets to:

Email

2050@greaterchristchurch.org.nz

Post

Greater Christchurch Partnership
c/o Christchurch City Council
PO Box 73014
Christchurch 8154

How to give individual feedback

If you wish to provide individual feedback, please use the online survey [\[link\]](#)

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