



Metro Sports Facility Progress Update – September 2016



Artist impression: Northern entry

Preliminary design released

Ōtākaro Limited and Christchurch City Council have released preliminary design images of the Metro Sports Facility, which will be the largest aquatic and indoor recreation and leisure venue of its kind in New Zealand. These images show the look, size and complexity of this Anchor Project, although there will be further refinements. The high level of consultation with future users and the extensive planning that has gone into the Metro Sports Facility will ultimately ensure it is the best facility possible for Christchurch.

At around 34,000m², with a 50 metre, 10-lane competition swimming and separate diving pool, large aquatic leisure area, five hydroslides, fitness spaces and nine indoor courts for sports such as netball and basketball, the preliminary design shows how the Metro Sports Facility will be a place for fun and recreation and cater for the day-to-day needs of the educational and high-performance sporting communities in the region.



Construction of the facility will be managed by Ōtākaro Limited, and construction will be jointly funded by the Crown and the Christchurch City Council, with the Council being the operator of the facility after completion.

The facility will feature:

- 10-lane, 50m swimming pool and a separate diving pool with 1000 spectator seats
- Largest leisure pool in the country
- Five hydro slides
- Learn to swim pool
- Aquatic sensory facility
- Birthday party room
- Warm water pool/spa/sauna/steam room
- Multipurpose indoor courts with capacity for nine netball courts
- 2500 retractable seats in the show court
- Gym/weights facility
- Group fitness rooms
- Performance movement centre
- High performance sports centre
- Sports House - shared administration area for regional sport
- VIP and media areas
- Café
- Childcare facility.



Artist impression: Leisure water area

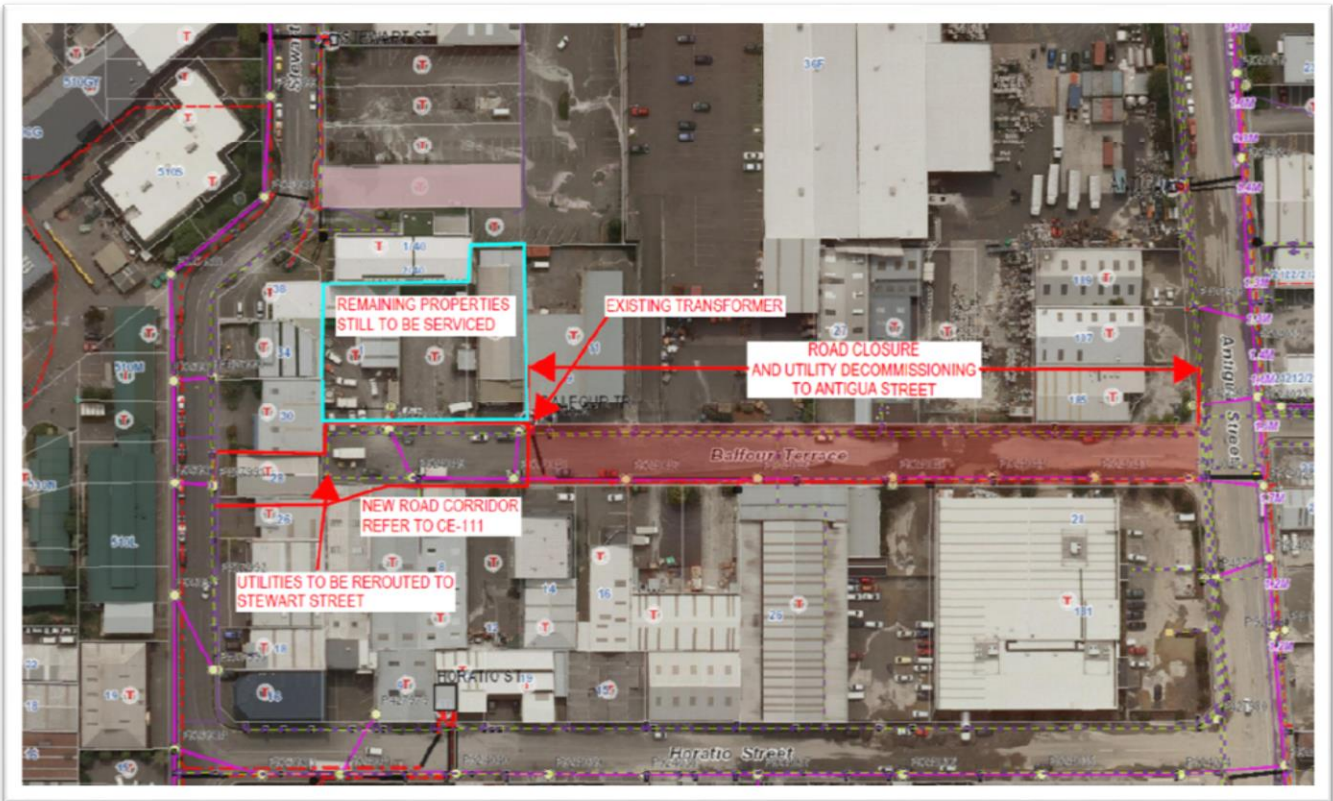


ECI contractor selected

Ōtākaro Limited has selected Leighs Cockram Joint Venture Ltd. to proceed as the single ECI (Early Contractor Involvement) contractor for the next design stage of the Metro Sports Facility. The ECI process brought two contractors into the design process in April 2016 so the design team could incorporate their knowledge of construction methods, cost management and health and safety into the project. Ōtākaro has selected Leighs Cockram Joint Venture who have demonstrated strong specialist knowledge of the project and are confident in their ability to make technical, construction and design improvements throughout their involvement. Subject to their continued performance and commercial negotiations, Leighs Cockram Joint Venture may then have the opportunity to stay on and be involved in the build itself when the main construction contractor is selected around June 2017.



Artist impression: Entry area



Early works area

Early works to commence

Enabling work on neighbouring Stewart Street and Balfour Terrace will get underway in October and is expected to be finished early in the new year. This will see the majority of Balfour Terrace closed with a new entrance and services to the properties at the western end created from Stewart Street.

Motorists are advised the temporary Wilsons carpark currently located on the Metro Sports Facility site will be permanently closed once land remediation work gets underway. Strict health and safety protocols will be followed including air monitors, protective equipment and dust control methods.



Artist impression: First floor



Artist impression: Entry area



Ground floor



First floor



Second floor

What are Anchor Projects?

In 2016, Christchurch entered a new and exciting phase – regeneration. It is the biggest urban renewal programme in New Zealand’s history. Major rebuilding is underway in the central city by the Crown, Christchurch City Council and private sector organisations. It is a hive of activity. ‘Anchor Projects’ are key developments that will encourage other developments around them and attract people into the central city.

Anchor Projects are all about people – making the central city a place that people want to live, work and visit, and spend time for social and cultural activities.

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