

# Official opening 4 Feb 2012



Official Party arrives in Brill 178 - Mayoress Jo in the driving seat



Master of Ceremonies – Joe Pickering



Michael Esposito – ChCh Tramway Ltd



Nicky Wagner – ChCh Central MP



Mayor Bob Parker about to declare the new building open



Mayor Bob instructs Lachlan in the delicate art of door knocking



“Open up, I’m the acting Deputy Mayor..”



Door's open – time to go in for a look





Don's paintings on display – 3 more sell on the day!

Meanwhile, back in the City.....

## By end July 2012

- Demolition continued, with decisions made to bring down more and more buildings - up to 80% have gone or are likely to go!
- Temporary “Restart” in operation - City Mall
- Central City Recovery plan signed off by CCC (Dec 2011) with final version talking more about “commuter rail” than “light rail”. Sent to Minister of Earthquake Recovery for consideration/ratification.
- CERA (Mar 2012) establishes Central City Development Unit to review the recovery plan and produce a “blueprint” for location of key facilities within 100 days
- Submissions made by CTL, THS, HTT to CCC Annual Plan - committee recommendation to budget now for completion of stage 1 + some of stage 2 not supported by Council - call for report on “operation and development of the tram”
- PM/ EQ Min./CERA (July 30) announce final recovery plan and blueprint – excluding most transport matters (tram not mentioned!)



(was) Mayfair building  
Cathedral Junction





March 2012 - looking down on Cath. Jn. from Pacific Tower



Tram shed, Tramway Lane - May 2012



Damage to tram shed floor



Tram shed wall damage - geotech testing



Former State Insurance Building – April 2012





SW View from Pacific Tower 8 March 2012



Regent Theatre Building – March 2011



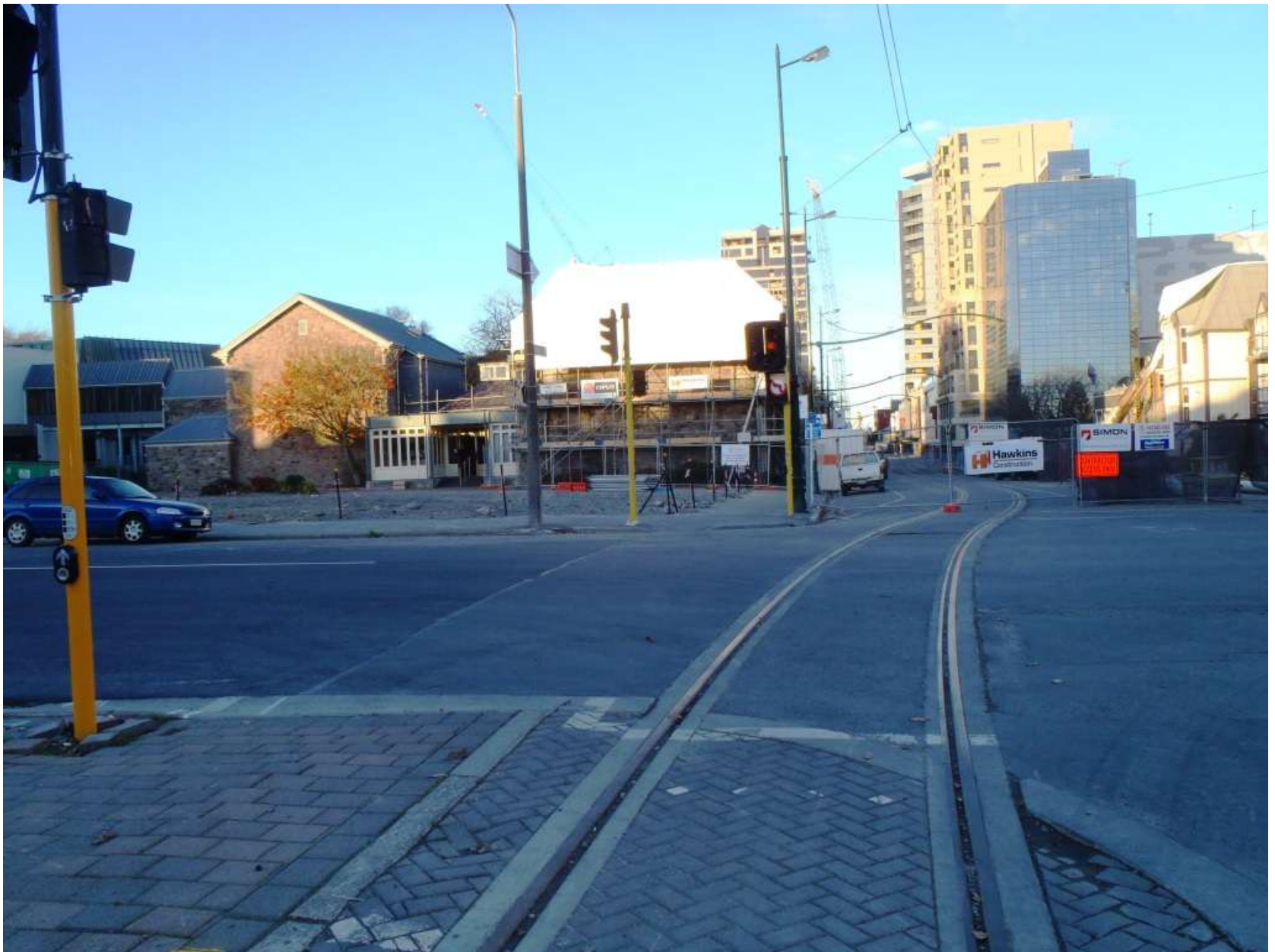
Site of Regent Theatre – March 2012



Resurfacing – Rolleston Avenue – April 2012



Same spot 31 May 2012



Former Art Gallery (Environment Court) - gone



Most high-rises - going



One of the bars on the Oxford Tce “Strip”



The Strip – most buildings gone, ex- Cathedral Square market Fri-Sun



Cashel Mall - Feb 2011 quake



Cashel Mall – most buildings gone – Restart Nov. 2011









“Central Station” – temporary bus exchange



Cnr High & Cashel July 2011



May 2012 - High-Cashel. Grand Chancellor Hotel almost down



High Street , N.W. from Manchester - 2 March 2011



High Street , N.W. from Manchester - 1 June 2012



High Street , S.E. from Manchester - 3 March 2011



High Street , S.E. from Manchester - 1 June 2012



Lichfield into Poplar – last year



Lichfield into Poplar – 1 June 2012



Poplar Lane 5 Feb 2011  
and 1 June 2012





Poplar Lane



The Twisted Hop – still standing – just!





Poplar Lane 1 June 2012 – tram tracks still there!



Alice's (former High St P.O.) - undamaged!







View from top of High St P.O. - remains of Poplar Lane



Looking E. - site of former ANZ building in foreground



Trackwork halted by Feb quake – High Street



Trackwork tidied up, May 2012 – High Street







2011 – track formation in place, most buildings standing



2012 – track formation covered, most buildings down!