

Centennial – Fact Sheet

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- owned by Christchurch City Council [CCC] and opened in 2000.
- located in central city, closed since February 2011 earthquake.
- contains x6 lane 25 metre lap pool, leisure pool, spa, sauna, steam room and gym.
- Council commissioned engineer reports show Centennial can be repaired for less than \$2 million to a standard “as new”, after an insurance pay-out of \$7.2 million.
- strong community and business support, over 50% of all 2678 submissions received by CCC on Annual Plan supported repairing and retaining the pool.



1. Repairing Centennial will deliver immeasurable benefit to the community in a short time frame for low cost for the local community, returning office workers, tourists and the burgeoning construction work force.
2. There have been no public pools on the east of Christchurch for the past two years with the closures of Centennial, QE2 and Waltham. Centennial is urgently required to provide a local facility for the thousands of residents in the inner city and eastern suburbs.
3. 50% of school pools were damaged in the earthquake and if a generation of children does not learn how to swim they risk contributing to the statistic that each year an average of 20 children under the age of 15 drown, the third highest ranking in the world. There are many schools in close proximity to Centennial who would benefit from access for their ‘learn to swim programmes’.
4. In the year preceding the February 2011 earthquake, Centennial and QEII attracted 1000 and 5,500 visits per day respectively, with both these facilities closed this has a significant impact on the opportunities for staying healthy and well and minimising the stresses of post-earthquake Christchurch.
5. The construction of the new metro facility will replace the lost capacity from QE2 but it will not replace the community facility provided by Centennial for the local residents, schools and as a ‘Transitional City facility’.
6. The Metro Sports facility is planned to take four years to build, this may be a best case scenario in terms of time estimates and may take longer. Centennial Pool can be repaired almost immediately.
7. Retaining Centennial is consistent with ‘*Christchurch Central Recovery Strategy*’ to provide an accessible city that is “easy to get around” and provides “excellent walking”. Centennial will be less than 500 metres from Hotels, Convention Centre, Central Library, a large residential population and office workers with 55,000 projected to come back into the central city (*see map overleaf*).
8. Centennial is located within the new ‘east frame’ which is designated to include “leisure and recreational activities”, the site is earmarked for a “city wide family/giant urban youth” playground and would be complemented by an indoor pool. Centennial could become a pool focusing on families, schools and casual lane swimmers, leaving the Metro for sports events and swim squads.
9. The inner city population is projected to grow to 25,000, attracting young families is a target of the population growth – the Centennial Pool facility is needed to attract new families to the inner city.
10. Centennial Pool is a wonderful asset to include in The Frame; **once it’s gone, it is gone forever.**





Engineers reports show Centennial can be made safe and is repairable.

Having a facility back operational in a short time will give immeasurable benefit to community for low cost.

To repair Centennial to a standard "as new" will cost ratepayers between \$1.8 - \$2.3 million.

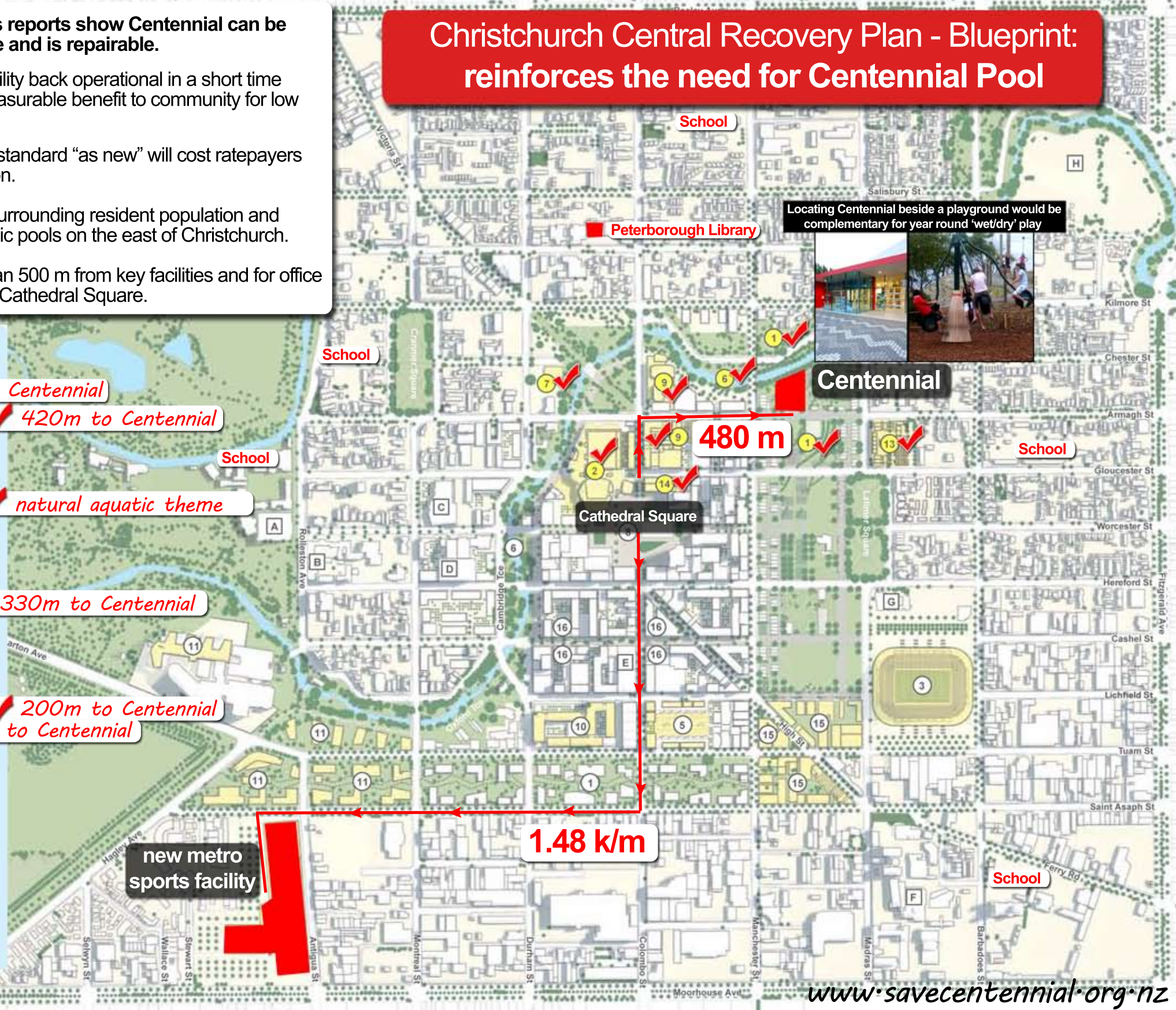
Centennial services the surrounding resident population and school. There are no public pools on the east of Christchurch.

Centennial will be less than 500 m from key facilities and for office workers only 480 m from Cathedral Square.

Christchurch Central Recovery Plan - Blueprint: reinforces the need for Centennial Pool

Blueprint Plan Key

- 1 The Frame ✓ 15m to Centennial
- 2 Convention Centre Precinct ✓ 420m to Centennial
- 3 Stadium
- 4 Metro Sports Facility
- 5 Bus Interchange
- 6 Papa o Ōtākaro/Avon River Precinct ✓ natural aquatic theme
- 7 Te Puna Ahurea Cultural Centre (indicative site)
- 8 The Square
- 9 Performing Arts Precinct ✓ 330m to Centennial
- 10 Justice and Emergency Services Precinct
- 11 Health Precinct
- 12 Cricket Oval
- 13 Residential Demonstration ✓ 200m to Centennial
- 14 Central Library ✓ 480m to Centennial
- 15 Innovation Precinct
- 16 Retail Precinct
- A Canterbury Museum
- B Arts Centre
- C Christchurch Art Gallery
- D CCC Civic Offices
- E Ballantynes
- F CPIT Campus
- G Temporary Cathedral
- H Possible Future Park



Locating Centennial beside a playground would be complementary for year round 'wet/dry' play



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