WHAT
The Christchurch Central Recovery Plan identified the need for a world-class venue and centre of sporting excellence, accessible to people of all ages, abilities and sporting skills.

The Metro Sports Facility will provide an aquatic and indoor recreation and sport facility catering for the day-to-day needs of the leisure, sporting, recreational, education and high performance sporting communities in Canterbury.

It will be easy to get to by public transport, private vehicles and the new walking and cycling links through the central city.

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

“The Metro Sports Facility will be a wonderful asset for Christchurch, meeting the needs of our residents to participate and perform in sport and recreation. With so many disciplines catered for under one roof, Metro Sports will also be a centre of excellence for our promising and talented athletes, who will be motivated by the success of those around them.”

- SPORT CANTERBURY
WHY
The Metro Sports Facility will play an important part in fostering health and wellbeing in the region. It will grow participation in sport and recreation in Canterbury and provide facilities to support athlete high-performance. On average almost 40,000 people of all ages and abilities are expected to enter the Metro Sports Facility each week to train, participate and compete in a broad range of sports and activities. The Facility will also offer a pleasant and relaxing environment for spectators.

WHEN
Early site works on the Metro Sports Facility begin in October 2016. Design work will be completed during this early work to allow construction to start in Q2 2017, with completion early in 2020.
WHERE
The Metro Sports Facility will sit within the block encompassing Moorhouse Avenue, Stewart Street, St Asaph Street and Antigua Street.

WHO
The Crown and Christchurch City Council have agreed to a joint funding arrangement for the Metro Sports Facility.

HOW
The Crown and Christchurch City Council are working in partnership on the Metro Sports Facility. Design and construction will be managed by Crown-owned company Ōtākaro Limited. Christchurch City Council will be the operator of the facility after completion.

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.