



Making Connections

Experience our past-present-future

The theme for Heritage Week 2014 is Making Connections – Experience our past-present-future. Each year the theme is based around a selection of related anniversaries that fall in the year of the event. In 2014 there are a variety of anniversaries from infrastructure and transport to major historical events such as the start of World War I and World War II.

As this is the first year Heritage Week has been held since the earthquakes we wanted a theme that was open enough to encompass the range of anniversaries and allow a broad range of community groups to submit events.

IN 2014 ANNIVERSARIES INCLUDE:

- 200 years since John Robert Godley was born in Dublin
- 150 years since the first council artesian well was drilled
- 150 years since New Zealand's first hansom cab arrives in the city
- 150 years since the foundation stone was laid for the Anglican Cathedral
- 125 years since Cave and Maori artefacts were discovered at Moncks Spur
- 125 years since the first New Zealand built locomotive was completed at Addington railway workshops
- 100 years since Riccarton Bush was presented to the city by the Deans family
- 100 years since World War I began
- 75 years since World War II began
- 75 years since the official opening of City Council's pensioner housing project in Barnett Avenue, Sydenham; the first local body pensioner housing in New Zealand
- 50 years since the Lyttelton Road Tunnel opened
- 25 years since Waitangi Tribunal Hearing of land claim by Ngāi Tahu closes at Tuahiwi Marae
- 25 years since new Christchurch City Council established through amalgamation of previous councils

(Information based on the second edition of John Densem's Christchurch chronology: a history of settlement. Environmental Policy and Planning Policy Unit, Christchurch City Council, 1990.)

Making Connections – Experience our past-present-future is a way of thinking about infrastructure and transport; pipes, tunnels, locomotives etc that connect together and connect people, but also interpreting connections in its broadest sense of connecting people through time, connecting people with their heritage and the land, and connecting with the past through modern and future technologies.

We want Beca Heritage Week 2014 to be about experiencing our heritage through the connections that remain and through connecting with each other once again to celebrate and commemorate our past.