



# REMEMBERING CHRISTCHURCH

A memorial service to mark  
the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2011  
Canterbury earthquake

## A TRIBUTE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

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Thank you for joining us on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 22 February 2011 Canterbury earthquake. While many of us had hoped to attend the memorial in Christchurch in person, we are instead joining from a distance.

As both a New Zealander and one of the many emergency services personnel who responded to what was one of the worst natural disasters in New Zealand's history, this tragic event is one that is close to my heart.

Today we pay our respects to those who lost their lives, were injured, or continue to be impacted by the disaster. We recognise and thank all emergency workers - including our Urban Search and Rescue Team - and volunteers worldwide who assisted with the rescue, recovery and rehabilitation of the Christchurch community.

Christchurch has been rebuilt and reshaped in the last 10 years - it is now both the oldest and newest city in New Zealand.

Christchurch will forever remain in our hearts. Together we will remember them.



**Paul Baxter QSO**  
Commissioner

### Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land we meet on today, the Darug People, and pay our respect to Elders, past and present and emerging.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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### Welcome

*FRNSW Assistant Commissioner David Lewis*

### Acknowledgement of Country and National Anthem

*Ms Koreena Leverett*

### New Zealand National Anthem

*Mr Brendon Hui*

### Address

*FRNSW Commissioner Paul Baxter*

### Address

*Mr Bill Dobbie, New Zealand Consul-General, New Zealand*

### Address

*The Honourable David Elliott MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services*

### New Zealand National Memorial Service

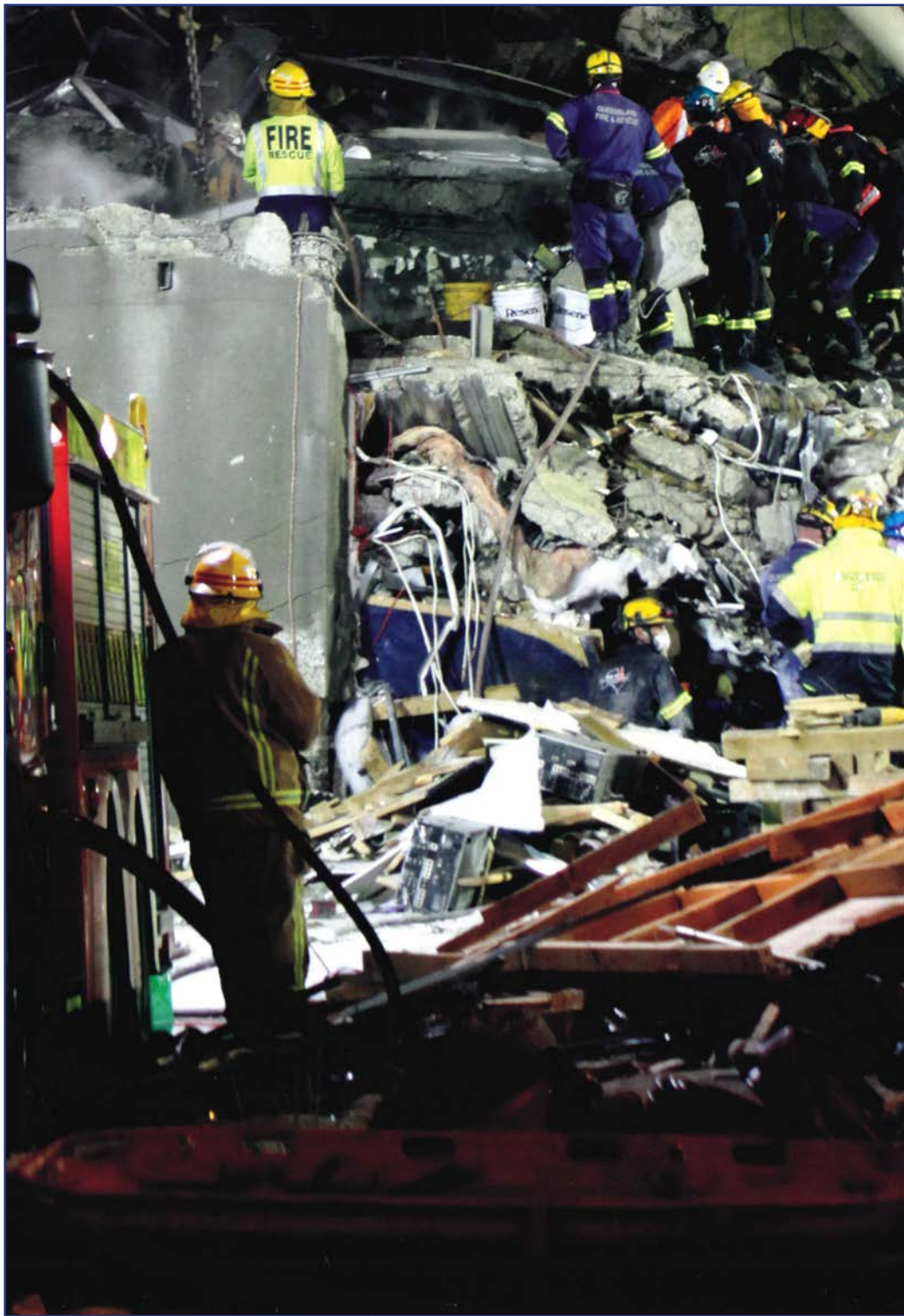
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### Blessing

*FRNSW Senior Chaplain Lyndsay Smith*

### Closing remarks

*FRNSW Assistant Commissioner David Lewis*



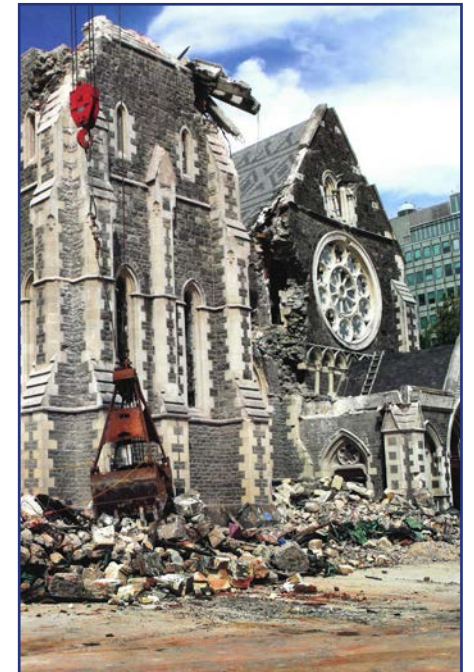
## HISTORY

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On 22 February 2011, a 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck the Christchurch region in New Zealand, killing 185 people, destroying 3500 homes and injuring more than 6600 people.

The earthquake's epicentre was near Lyttelton, just 10 kilometres south-east of Christchurch's central business district.

Australia deployed 3 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams consisting of over 220 specialists from state and federal agencies following the disaster to support a global humanitarian response.



## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

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The Urban Search and Rescue team consists of a group of specialists appointed by state and federal agencies and certified by the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG), a global network under the United Nations.

The USAR team is trained to provide a humanitarian response to communities impacted by natural disasters worldwide.

It provides specialist capability to locate, provide medical assistance and remove casualties who have been trapped or affected by a structural collapse following a disaster.

The USAR team will continue to support worldwide humanitarian efforts into the future.



Our deepest gratitude to  
The Quakes Family Trust and  
Christchurch City Council for  
their assistance and support in  
coordinating today's service.

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