

## ***Christchurch Earthquake***

In February 2011, Canterbury in New Zealand experienced a significant earthquake which reached a magnitude of 6.2 on the Richter scale.

One of the worst cities hit was Christchurch which was at the epicentre of the Earthquake and was New Zealand's second most populated city at the time.

Surprisingly, the earthquake only lasted for 10 seconds but was felt all over the South Island as well as the North Island.

Some geologists believe that this was in fact an aftershock of a New Zealand earthquake which happened 5 months earlier.

This seismic shockwave caused devastating damage with 185 fatalities, many damaged houses, buildings and roads. T

The Christchurch Cathedral was a significant loss and it still being repaired today.

The city has had a slow but steady recovery from this and there are remembrance landmarks in the city today.