



**Knocked down:** Hohepa's woodwork building has been demolished after sustaining damage in the Canterbury quake.

# Quake damage still looms large at Hohepa

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HALSWELL'S HOHEPA residents are still living in rental accommodation following the Canterbury quake.

The Halswell farm site caters for up to 20 residents with intellectual disabilities, plus another 20 people for day care services. The residents stayed in their own houses on-site.

However, since the earthquake, two new fault lines were discovered running directly through the property and underneath the structures.

The site's woodwork building

has been demolished, two houses of three are still uninhabitable and residents who attend day services are using portaloos.

Hohepa general manager Raymond Eberhard said the residents were struggling to function in inner city homes because they needed the space of the farm.

He said a geological technician still needed to assess the land before insurers could make a decision on the fate of the two uninhabitable houses.

"I had to contact [Selwyn MP] Amy Adams to get the earthquake commission guys

out here in the first place," he said.

"I'm concerned because we only have one year on our business disruption insurance and we are already five months into that."

However, the newest building, the kitchen block, which Hohepa raised more than \$660,000 to build, might be saved. "They are going to try and float it into place. Its a big process where they pump this stuff underneath it and shift it back then the stuff sets like cement."

He hoped that would be done in the next few weeks.