



The Healthy Greater Christchurch Advisory Group met on 25-July 2018.

Key points from the July meeting

- Comments on the final Waka Toa Ora (Healthy Greater Christchurch) Charter proposal will close 1-August. Thank you to everyone who contributed feedback. The Hui in February kicked off our conversation. Since the engagement process began formally, we have received dozens of suggested revisions via email, through the online document, during a face-to-face seminar, and at a deliberative session with the Advisory Group. The final proposal is available here, where there is also a link to the proposal with revisions tracked and explained in the comments.
- Healthy Greater Christchurch submitted its first report to the Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP). Reporting to the GCP is just one of the roles of Healthy Greater Christchurch. The report was received via the Senior Managers Group; the link to the report can be made available when it appears on the agenda for the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee later in September.
- Healthy Greater Christchurch invited everyone to a free public talk with Lucy Saunders. The event asked - What is a 'healthy street'? How can we address air pollution, chronic diseases like asthma and diabetes and obesity through the design of our streets? Lucy showed how physical and mental wellbeing can be boosted using epidemiology, transport planning and urban design, and how this also increases vibrancy, inclusivity, safety and sustainability. Lucy was also joined by local experts for a panel discussion.
- Soon, a notice will be circulated to signatories inviting expressions of interest for an NGO delegate role on the Advisory Group. This is a call for expressions of interest from the NFP (not-for-profit), NGO (non-government organisation), or TSO (third sector organisation) sector, based on feedback from the extended lunchtime seminar hosted by SEWN (the Social Equity and Wellbeing Network) in June.

Who is a part of the Advisory Group?

The Advisory Group is made up of participants similar to those who participated on the Interim Group. Participants may change as the Advisory Group becomes clearer about what it needs to do. Current participating organisations include:

- Christchurch City Council – Paul Cottam
- Community & Public Health – Sandy Brinsdon, Gail McLauchlan, and Sara Epperson
- Environment Canterbury – Miria Goodwin/Sam Bellamy
- Greater Christchurch Partnership – Nadja Grabner-Thornley
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) – Marie Ward
- NGO signatories/SEWN – Sharon Torstonson
- Selwyn District Council – Denise Kidd
- Mana Whenua ki Waitaha – Wendy Dallas-Katoa
- Waimakariri District Council – Tessa Sturley

Why Healthy Greater Christchurch?

The [Greater Christchurch Partnership](#) identified Healthy Christchurch as a lead for the 'Health & Communities' stream of the [Urban Development Strategy](#), along with the Selwyn and Waimakariri District Councils. A working group convened and decided to formally expand Healthy Christchurch to Healthy (Greater) Christchurch.

The group has developed a high-level work programme and will continue to engage with signatories as this progresses. The initiative will continue to lead new projects, be a vehicle for communication and consultation with communities, and provide a mechanism to be voice at decision making tables around the region.