



Waka Toa Ora

Healthy Greater Christchurch

Advisory Group

The Healthy Greater Christchurch Advisory Group met on 27 March 2019.

Key points from the meeting

- The 2019 hui took place earlier this month. Nearly seventy people registered for the hui and about that same number attended. About a third of participants completed an online evaluation form, and feedback was positive overall. People felt most positively about the 'wellbeing mini-conference' speakers and the networking opportunities provided at the hui. Six people signalled interest in planning next year's hui. Overall, this was a well-received hui – people appreciated the speaker content and the opportunities to network.
[Photos are available of the hui.](#)
- In light of recent discussion about the Health in all Policies 'maturity model,' the group brainstormed new focus areas for 2019. The group suggested seminars on subjects such as Red Zone regeneration in Waimakariri, and update on Regenerate, 'health and wellbeing' broadly, and an overview of the Health in all Policies model. There continues to be interest in the area of housing. The group discussed how Waka Toa Ora can meet its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. One new potential collaboration was suggested—engaging with ChristchurchNZ about their prosperity framework—and one new subject area, climate change.
- The group would like to celebrate some of the signatory collaboration under way and would like to hear from signatories around how to capture and report some of these activities.

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 & Claire Bryant
- Community & Public Health – Sandy Brinsdon, Gail McLauchlan, and Sara Epperson
- Environment Canterbury – Sam Bellamy and Clare Pattison
- Greater Christchurch Partnership – Nadja Grabner-Thornley
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) – Marie Ward
- NGO signatories – Liz Hawes (SEWN), Lottie Vinson (CWEA), and Kathy Duncan (OVTRK)
- 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 across the region and to adopt a more geographically inclusive name—Waka Toa Ora.

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.

