

Healthy Greater Christchurch Interim Group



The Healthy Greater Christchurch Interim Group had its third meeting in August.

Key points from the June meeting

- One function of the Interim Group is to fulfil the role of the 'Health & Community' stream of the Greater Christchurch Partnership. To do this, the Interim Group analysed where its interests and capacity align in connection to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Urban Development Strategy and Resilience Plan implementation. This is being captured in one part of the work programme.
- Independently, the Interim Group is looking at how to develop the parts of the work plan relating to the role of Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch as an information conduit, and in relation to signatory engagement and projects.
- The Interim Group is committed to in-depth engagement with signatories to progress its up-and-coming work plan. A hui was proposed, and more details will be shared when confirmed.
- The group continues its search for a catchier name than 'Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch'. Feel free to share your suggestions.

Who is a part of the Interim Group?

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

- Christchurch City Council – Helen Beaumont
- Community & Public Health – Sandy Brinsdon and Sara Epperson
- Environment Canterbury – Vanessa Scott
- Greater Christchurch Partnership – Keith Tallentire
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD) – Marie Ward
- NGO signatories/SEWN – Sharon Torstonson
- Selwyn District Council – Lisa Larkin
- Mana Whenua ki Waitaha – Wendy Dallas-Katoa
- Waimakariri District Council – Tessa Sturley

Why an Interim Group?

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. This means we have an opportunity to formally strengthen and expand our network and enhance its regional relevance.

The Interim Group will formalise a decision about whether to expand the network or not. The group will also be tasked with developing a Terms of Reference for the next Advisory Group, developing a high-level work programme and continuing to engage with signatories throughout its processes.

Like the existing initiative, an expanded network would still 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.