

## Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch Interim Group



The Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch Interim Group had its fourth meeting in September.

### Key points from the September 2017 meeting

- The group decided the strategic-level work of the Canterbury Health in All Policies Partnership (CHIAPP) will be embedded in the Healthy (Greater?) Christchurch work plan.
- The Interim Group is committed to in-depth engagement with signatories to progress its up-and-coming work plan. The group agreed to a hui in early November and is discussing with Selwyn and Waimakariri District Council how to best ensure a geographically welcoming event. An invitation will be shared with signatories when further details are finalised.
- The Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) asked the Interim Group for 3-5 'health & community' indicators for their monitoring project. The group is considering topic areas such as community connectedness, wellbeing of people with ongoing health and disability issues, housing, and income/child poverty. These will be submitted to GCP by the end of the year.
- 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 Torstonsen
- 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.