



The Healthy Greater Christchurch Advisory Group met on 2 May 2018.

Key points from the start of May 2018 meeting

- Wendy Dallas-Katoa shared a potential name proposed by kaumātua Maurice Grey - 'Waka Toa Ora' or 'Waka Toa Ora o Waitaha'. The Advisory Group received this recommendation gratefully. Wendy will consult with Mana Whenua ki Waitaha about the name, and it will be shared with signatories when input is sought around refreshing the Charter. The name communicates several important ideas:
 - We are all in a waka together, rowing in the same direction.
 - We are stronger navigating the regional landscape together.
 - The concept represents all aspects of wellbeing which connects to the soul of the land, and which connects all groups.
 - We navigate the many dimensions of wellbeing such as physical, social, spiritual, and mental and emotional – hau ora, wai ora, mauri ora, toi ora.
- The Advisory Group will soon begin reporting to the Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) with a 6-monthly report to the Senior Managers Group (SMG) and a yearly report to the GCP Committee. The first report to the GCP will go to their June meeting.
- The Advisory Group finalised plans for the Healthy Greater Christchurch Lunchtime seminar on the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill. Several members of the advisory group and a few others will be able to contribute. An NGO signatory in Selwyn is keen to organise a seminar there, so hopefully we will be able to promote that soon, too.

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

Thanks also to Clare Pattison for participating.

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.