



Waka Toa Ora

Healthy Greater Christchurch

Advisory Group

The Healthy Greater Christchurch Advisory Group met on 22 May 2019.

Key points from the meeting

- Following the 15-March mosque attacks, several signatories proposed an extended lunchtime seminar on the subject of 'Being Unbreakable'—time and space to gather, share, and reflect—and for some, to consider what we could do next—together. Waka Toa Ora held the seminar just over six weeks after the mosque attacks. Several actions were identified and a follow-up seminar was suggested for the future.
[A shared Google Document has been updated to include what was discussed.](#) A follow-up session was suggested; this will be considered in the coming months.
- Website review is under way to reflect announcement of the new name and logo at the hui.
- The Advisory Group is working collaboratively to deliver a submissions workshop later this year.
- ECan has declared a 'climate emergency' and CCC may soon follow suit [*note – since the meeting, this has taken place*]; this prompted Waka Toa Ora to identify its role – discussion to be continued and include signatories.
- Report on Waka Toa Ora being sent to the Greater Christchurch Partnership.
- Reminder to signatories: Community & Public Health welcomes participation in its 'Broadly Speaking' determinants of health training. Contact sandy.brinsdon@cdhb.health.nz for info.

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

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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.