Advisory Group

The Healthy Greater Christchurch Advisory Group met on 26 June 2019.

Key points from the meeting

- In light of ECan and CCC declaring climate emergencies, Waka Toa Ora is considering organising a hui, seminar, or other response on the subject of 'Global Heating.'
- 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

Waka Toa Ora

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.