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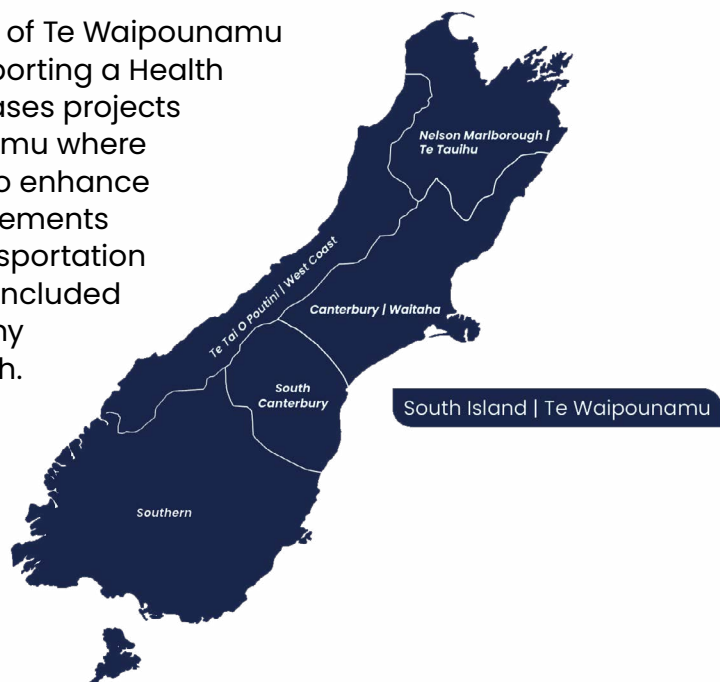
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Our health and wellbeing are shaped by many factors beyond the limits of the health sector alone, including where we live, work, learn and play, as well as our income, housing, transport, education, employment, and the environment. Addressing these determinants needs coordinated plans and action from multiple sectors to explicitly consider the health impacts of their decisions.

The Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 and the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024-2027 support collaborating across sectors to address the wider determinants of health with a goal of ensuring equitable health outcomes across all population groups. Health in All Policies is a way of working that fosters this inter-sectoral cooperation to improve wellbeing locally and regionally.

Our Health in All Policies work is coordinated at a South Island level, and work is locally delivered by kaimahi from Te Taihū (Nelson-Marlborough), Waitaha (Canterbury), South Canterbury, Te Tai o Poutini (West Coast), Otago and Murihiku (Southland) who build relationships with local and regional councils, NGOs and other organisations to implement this approach.

This Report is prepared on behalf of Te Waipounamu agencies and organisations supporting a Health in All Policies approach. It showcases projects and partnerships in Te Waipounamu where organisations are joining forces to enhance health outcomes through improvements in the environment, housing, transportation and ways of working. The stories included are examples of some of the many ways of applying a HiAP approach.



Foreword

For several years now, the Waitaha / Canterbury Health in All Policies (HiAP) team has produced an annual report showcasing innovative projects and partnerships in the region with the overall aim to develop resilient, healthy, and thriving communities.

It is with great pride, and with much collective effort and collaboration between kaimahi and various stakeholders, that I endorse this inaugural Te Waipounamu Health in All Policies (HiAP) Annual Report 2024 on behalf of the National Public Health Service (NPHS).

The NPHS leads and coordinates the HiAP approach in Te Waipounamu, fostering partnerships with councils, NGOs, and other regional bodies to address health determinants and promote equity. This report highlights the importance of collaboration across sectors to address the wider determinants of health – such as housing, transport, climate change, food security, and alcohol harm. These factors significantly shape health and wellbeing, and the adopted approaches and projects emphasized in this report provide more detail about the collective efforts to reduce health inequities and ensure equitable outcomes across all population groups in Te Waipounamu.

Within this report you will learn more about the range of initiatives and the importance of these continued cross-sector partnerships as well as the ongoing need for further relationships and a coordinated, collaborative approach in order to improve the health of our people.

The HiAP approach aligns with the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 and the Government Policy Statement on Health 2024–2027.

I encourage you to read this report, and consider the wider determinants of health and what impact you, the reader, can make towards achieving Pae Ora for all.



Vince Barry
Regional Director
NPHS Te Waipounamu



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Joint Work Plans

For over a decade, teams from NPHS, Environment Canterbury (ECan), and Christchurch City Council (CCC) have worked in formal partnership to promote healthier environments, strengthen communities, and improve connectivity and accessibility. Joint Work Plans between the three agencies guide collaborative efforts across areas of shared aspiration. Working together ensures actions are coordinated, improves project efficiency and leads to higher quality outcomes for everyone involved.

The success of Joint Work Plans in Waitaha has generated interest from other councils across Te Waipounamu who are beginning to explore formal partnerships with NPHS. These partnerships document the work that councils are already doing together with NPHS and the shared commitment to taking proactive, upstream approaches to support health and wellbeing. We are keen to support the development of Joint Work Plans with other local and regional councils please email TWP-NPHS-HIAP@TeWhatuOra.govt.nz if this is something your council might be interested in.



Strengthening communities

Reducing harm from alcohol

Alcohol use causes significant harm to individuals, whānau and communities and is a key driver of health and social inequities. It also places significant cost and pressure on our health system and other services. Local councils, NZ Police and the NPHS all have a regulatory role in reducing alcohol-related harm through alcohol licensing. They also collaborate beyond the regulatory role to reduce harm in communities.

Local Alcohol Policies

Following an amendment to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act in 2023 and the successful adoption of the Auckland Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) in 2024, councils across Te Waipounamu started the process of reviewing or developing LAPs. Last year, Dunedin City Council and Selwyn District Council publicly consulted on their LAP reviews, while Waimakariri District Council initiated their LAP review process. Meanwhile, Christchurch City Council and Marlborough District Council began work to develop theirs.

LAPs can set out rules about the number, location, and opening hours of licensed premises, such as bars, cafés and restaurants, supermarkets and bottle stores. These rules can apply across either the whole district or only in identified local areas.

Councils develop LAPs in consultation with local communities and regulatory agencies, namely NZ Police, Licensing Inspectors, and Medical Officers of Health. With this regulatory role, NPHS engage with different councils to share information about alcohol harm and support policies that reduce harm. Many communities have been advocating for years for better alcohol controls to reduce the burden of alcohol harm, allowing resources to be re-directed to other important challenges facing them.

In 2023, the estimated societal cost of alcohol harm in Aotearoa New Zealand was \$9.1 billion; over half estimated due to fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

Partnerships to address alcohol-related harm

Christchurch Alcohol Harm Partnership

Since 2017, NPHS, Christchurch City Council (CCC) and NZ Police have worked collectively to reduce alcohol harm in Ōtautahi Christchurch. In 2024, this partnership was rebranded as Christchurch Alcohol Harm Partnership (CAHP). CAHP is a framework for collaborative local action and involves the three lead agencies as well as other community organisations working to reduce alcohol harm.

In September 2024, CAHP hosted a successful forum to share the updated CAHP framework and information about alcohol harm. Speakers from Health NZ, NZ Police, CCC and community organisations highlighted issues and opportunities for action. It was also an opportunity to discuss how to move towards the collective goal of reducing alcohol harm. Another forum will be planned for 2025.

Safe and Well Ōtepoti

Safe and Well Ōtepoti is a Dunedin group focused on alcohol harm reduction. Membership includes the NPHS, Dunedin City Council, NZ Police, Otago University, alcohol and other drug treatment providers and other special interest groups. In 2024, the group played a key role in the review of Dunedin's Local Alcohol Policy and ensuring the community are able to contribute to its development.

Healthy housing

Having access to a secure, warm, affordable and accessible home is shown to support physical and mental health, as well as a sense of security and safety, and improve overall quality of life. In contrast, overcrowded, cold, and damp homes can increase poor health outcomes and housing-related hospitalisations from preventable health conditions, such as rheumatic fever. Working together, organisations can support and advocate for access to healthy housing.

Healthier homes in Otago & beyond

Aukaha's Better Homes programme aims to assist whānau in making their homes warm, dry and safe across Otago, Southland and Waimate districts. Mana whenua-owned, Aukaha delivers the government funded Healthy Homes Initiative, working with whānau, agencies and local partners to provide education and access to housing interventions to create healthy homes. Better Homes, built on an NPHS pilot in 2022, prioritises whānau with tamariki who have been hospitalised because of their housing conditions. Housing interventions can include insulation, clean heating, draught stopping, thermally backed curtains, and occasionally beds and bedding. Interventions can also include critical housing repairs and energy saving features.

Connecting Canterbury's housing sector

The Waitaha Housing Forum connects communities, organisations, and individuals who work on a variety of issues and actions in the housing sector. Coordinated by NPHS the forum has more than 300 engaged participants from over 85 organisations.

The forum provides space for sharing information, discussion about communities' needs and collective ways to work together to provide good housing solutions for those most in need. In 2024 participants discussed and planned actions around renters' rights, hidden homelessness, emergency housing, hoarding, energy efficient homes, the collective impact of the forum and many more topics.

New alliance to focus on Otago's housing

In December 2024, the Otago Housing Alliance was formally established to coordinate a wide range of housing interventions across Otago. The Alliance is an expansion of the Cosy Homes Trust set up in collaboration with NPHS in 2012, and includes Aukaha, Otago Regional Council, Dunedin City Council, Community Probations, faith-based service providers, the Dunedin Night Shelter, NPHS, as well as various individuals and businesses. All are committed to better housing outcomes across Otago and coordinate government funding for insulation and heating and advocate for healthy homes. Currently the Alliance is seeking funding and securing staff.

Working together tackling Dunedin homelessness

Improving housing security for those experiencing homelessness has been a long-standing priority in Dunedin. The City Council, Dunedin Night Shelter, NPHS, Community Probations, Community Mental Health Services, and faith-based service providers have partnered together to monitor the extent of homelessness. "Outcomes Star" is a comprehensive needs-assessment tool that has been adopted to support the range of service providers understand the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Next, the Outcomes Star tool will be used to help the collective identify solutions.

Working As One (Wao) on Food Security in the Queenstown-Lakes District

Wao Aotearoa is a collective in the Queenstown-Lakes district dedicated to a regenerative future. Wao is the Māori word for forest, and the collective organises a variety of community events to inspire, educate, and enable the transition to a healthy, low-emission community.



'From the Soil Up': Diana Manson (Hāwea Food Forest), Emberly Whetherall (GrowWānaka), Mark Anderson (Westridge Farm), Janice Lee (Murihiku Kai Collective)

In 2024, the annual Wao Summit included a day dedicated to food resilience and food systems. Farmers, organisations, businesses, and community members came together for conferences and workshops that highlighted critical issues such as sustainable farming, food sovereignty, and community resilience. Speakers and participants focused on the urgent need for strong local food systems grounded in intergenerational knowledge, respect, and equitable access. This shift is essential for fostering sustainability, community health, and economic prosperity, with immediate action required to ensure a lasting impact.

Following the conference, the Southern Lakes Kai Collective was established by Wao. This community initiative aims to advance food security in the Queenstown-Lakes district. NPHS will continue to support Wao's commitment to creating a fair and sustainable food future for all.



*John McRae on 'Compost'
(Credit: Deanna Gerlach Photography)*

Selwyn adopts strategies to support young people and the aging population

Selwyn District Council has partnered with a range of agencies who deliver services or funding for young people and older generations, including Age Concern, NPHS, Te Tahi Youth, and other community and government service providers, to prepare two strategies to support its young and ageing population to live well in the district.

**Collaboration
of over
60
organisations.**

Piki Amokura is a strategy for Selwyn's young people aged 12–24 years and identifies access to quality education, housing and transport as vital ingredients for young people to flourish. Dedicated services, locations and events are also planned for to address their specific needs.

Nearly 10%
**of Selwyn's population aged
between 12 and 24 years old had
input to Piki Amokura.**

Te Paepae is a strategy for the districts' residents aged 65 years and over. The vision in this strategy again includes improved access to services and information, affordable access to opportunities and services, opportunities for connection and participation and equitable access to opportunities and services for rural areas and Māori communities.

Both strategies recognise the need to work collectively to ensure appropriate services, responses and funding are available to make Selwyn district a great place to live.

Over 6%
**of residents aged over 60 years
contributed to Te Paepae.**

Improving connectivity and accessibility

A variety of transportation choices — high-quality public transport, safe and convenient biking and walking infrastructure, and well-maintained roads — support the health and wellbeing of communities. Transport options such as cycling and walking have health and environmental benefits. These options increase activity levels, and don't produce noise, air pollution or greenhouse gases. By encouraging these options, we can reduce the impact of obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes in our community.



The 529 Garage bike registry project team were on hand to help staff members register their bikes at Christchurch Hospital

Healthy commute

The Healthy Commute Programme has a long history of supporting healthier, safer, and more sustainable commuting habits among Health NZ Waitaha staff. Collaboration is at the heart of the Programme, which brings together Health NZ, Christchurch City Council (CCC), and Environment Canterbury.

In 2024, CCC's Travel Planning team hosted several 'Good to Go' travel planning events at Christchurch Hospital for staff, including new graduate nurses and doctors. These events help reduce the stress of commuting, provide advice and support on easier ways for staff to get to work and reduces the burden of car dependence on urban infrastructure.

The Healthy Commute Programme also partnered with CCC's Travel Planning team to promote the 529 Garage bike registry project in 2024. This free and easy-to-use online platform allows bike owners to quickly register their bike details, including photos, descriptions, and serial numbers. This not only provides peace of mind for owners but also strengthens bike security by assisting the Police in returning stolen bikes to their owners. Registration stalls at Christchurch Hospital had an overwhelmingly positive response with 248 bikes successfully registered.

Developing a plan for the future of Canterbury's Public Transport

In 2024 the draft Waitaha Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) was developed collaboratively through the Greater Christchurch Partnership and the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee. Representatives from local councils and key stakeholders collaborated to align public transport infrastructure and services with the region's needs and future growth. An extensive public engagement process was also carried out to make sure the plan reflects the community's needs and aspirations.

The draft RPTP highlights significant changes and achievements in the last six years including the introduction of direct bus services from Selwyn and Waimakariri to Christchurch City, the MyWay on-demand service in Timaru, and the addition of more electric buses to the fleet. Future plans include expanding service frequencies, improving reliability, and enhancing customer experience with innovations like real-time information screens and the national ticketing system, Motu Move.

As Canterbury continues to grow, the plan lays the foundations for a sustainable and fit-for-purpose transport network that meets the needs of current and future generations. Taking a collaborative approach, the plan ensures that public transport remains a cornerstone of healthy, vibrant, and connected communities in Waitaha.

Improvements for walking and biking at Victory Square, Nelson

The work of the Health in All Policies team often involves encouraging and supporting partners to lead work that improves health outcomes. Victory Square in Nelson is a great example of this in action.

The area faced challenges with traffic incidents and unsafe conditions for people walking and biking, particularly surrounding the busy roundabout connecting key routes. Safety is a priority in this area because of the schools and early childhood centres nearby.

In response, NPHS and community stakeholders gave feedback through the Nelson Tasman Speed Management Plan consultation to encourage safer infrastructure. In August 2024, upgrades were introduced at Victory Square, including a redesign to improve safety and accessibility for all road users. The changes address long-standing safety concerns and support walking and cycling, promoting healthier and more sustainable lifestyles.



Before roundabout upgrade, pedestrian refuge on Toi Toi Street, Victory Square



After roundabout upgrade, displaying one of the four new pedestrian crossings

Healthy Neighbourhoods Community of Practice

The Healthy Neighbourhoods Community of Practice brings together people interested in enabling healthy neighbourhoods across Waitaha and Te Tai o Poutini including Sport Canterbury, NPHS, and local and regional councils. The Community of Practice aims to foster health promoting environments where all individuals regardless of age and ability have the freedom to move around their communities and neighbourhoods safely.



Members of the Healthy Neighbourhoods Community of Practice

The Waitaha and Te Tai o Poutini Healthy Neighbourhoods Community of Practice is thrilled to have received a Programme Finalist Certificate at the Golden Foot Walking Awards in 2024 for their collaborative work. These walking awards are presented every two years by Living Streets Aotearoa and celebrate New Zealand achievements that support and enable walkers and wheelers — everyone who uses footpaths!

Healthy Neighbourhoods weave the [Healthy Streets framework](#) and the [Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa Neighbourhood Play System model](#) together. As the membership of Healthy Neighbourhoods is varied with diverse skill sets, some members in the Community of Practice work directly with communities aiming to improve streets for walking, wheeling, and play, while others address barriers at a higher level through advocacy, submissions, and policy advice.

The Healthy Neighbourhoods Community of Practice continues to expand and is open to new members. The group meets every six weeks to discuss opportunities and ways to work together to enable healthier neighbourhoods and communities.

Climate change

Our climate is changing and having an impact on health and wellbeing. Hot temperatures and extreme weather events cause injuries and illnesses, and disruption to everyday life through changes to our natural and built environment. Recent examples include the impact of cyclone Gabrielle on the people living in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay. Action is needed to reduce these climate impacts and to prepare for the future.

The first Health National Adaptation Plan was released in 2024, an important step towards putting health considerations at the forefront of the climate response of Aotearoa New Zealand. The plan aims to deliver climate-resilient health services and address the broader effects of climate change on health determinants outside the health sector. Co-operation is needed to plan and coordinate action to reduce the health impacts of climate change. The Health in All Policies team supports others, including local and regional government, to address the health impacts of climate change by sharing evidence and building capacity in this space.



Balclutha, located at the upstream end of the Clutha Delta. The Clutha Delta is shown in the background, with Molyneux Bay visible on the horizon (Credit: David Wall Photography)

Engaging with local and regional governments on the impacts of climate change on health

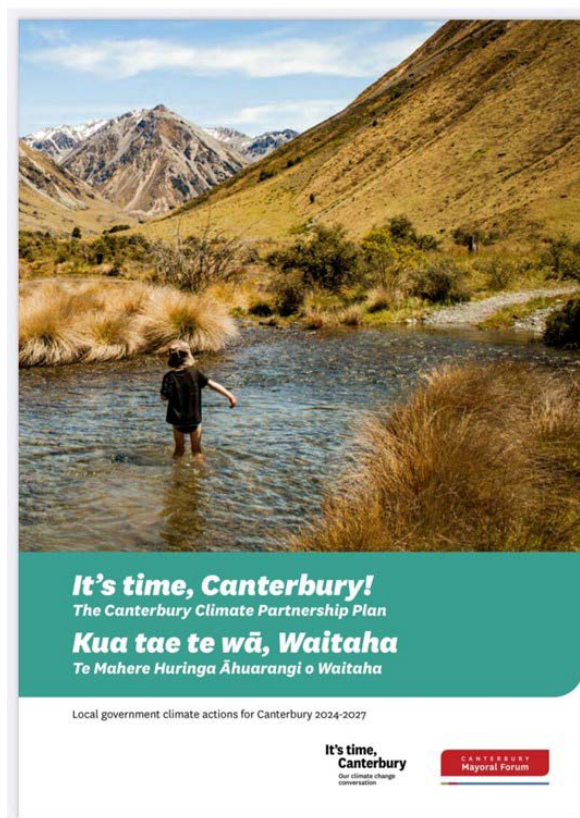
Climate Change and Health workshops kicked off in Otago in 2024 with a pilot held in the Clutha district in December. The workshop is designed to give participants an understanding of the public health impacts of climate change and illustrate how effective climate action can have health co-benefits and support community resilience. Staff from Otago Regional Council and the Otago Network of Local Government were enthusiastic about the workshop designed by NPHS and recommended roll out to other councils in the Otago region.

Environment Southland, in collaboration with Te Ao Mārama Inc, Gore District Council, Invercargill City Council and Southland District Council are currently developing a regional climate change strategy for Southland. NPHS was invited to present on climate change impacts on community health and wellbeing and following the successful presentation the local councils are keen to participate in the Climate Change and Health workshops in future.

Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum officially launched the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan in 2024. The strategy, developed by all 11 councils in Canterbury, addresses climate change and builds a thriving, climate-resilient, and low-emissions future. Recognising the impacts of climate change don't stop at territorial boundaries, the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan outlines regional actions and solutions to address the challenges of climate change.

Supporting this work, NPHS carried out a health lens analysis of the collective actions in the Plan. The analysis confirmed the Plan has the potential to contribute to health and wellbeing outcomes, but these outcomes could be positive or negative depending on how the actions are planned and implemented. The analysis also highlighted that climate action should be based on evidence and involve a collaborative approach so that health, wellbeing, and equity are prioritised in climate responses.



NPHS staff were invited to collaborate with Christchurch City Council's coastal hazards team, and an Ōnuku Rūnanga representative to develop and lead a workshop. The workshop explored the risks of climate change for individuals, households, the community and Akaroa Harbour. The workshop then moved to identifying strengths, creating a collective vision for the future, and the potential for positive action. Attendees shared visions of abundant birdsong, thriving native species, local leadership and connection, and resilient communities.

The process showed how health promotion principles can be woven into climate change adaptation, highlighting the role of hope and shared purpose in tackling complex challenges. As climate change threats continue to emerge, partnerships like these highlight the importance of building strong, connected communities that are equipped to navigate change and shape a sustainable, healthy future.

Collaborative Climate Action in Akaroa Harbour

Building on earlier conversations initiated by Ōnuku Rūnanga, Ōnuku Marae hosted its second climate-focused wānanga in November 2024, bringing together community members, ecological researchers, and local government teams to discuss climate change adaptation and catchment planning for Akaroa Harbour. Attendees shared insights on ecological and climate risks impacting Akaroa Harbour, including the fragile state of waterways and ecosystems.



Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning

Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning is an approach that develops a series of pathways that enable decisions to be made as conditions change over time since plans and policies can become obsolete as conditions change. NPHS have partnered with Councils to provide a public health lens on climate change and support for improving community resilience.

Dunedin City Council have successfully implemented this approach with the St Clair to St Kilda Coastal Plan, which involved considerable community engagement to develop a vision and a dynamic plan. Dunedin City Council and Otago Regional Council have initiated South Dunedin Future, a joint programme to find ways to respond to climate change and flooding problems and they have begun exploring options with communities.

Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning is also well developed between Queenstown Lakes District Council and Otago Regional Council to plan for multiple hazards at the head of Lake Wakatipu, with the communities of Glenorchy and Kinloch also engaged. This approach is also likely to be used to look at the Clutha Delta where there are significant flooding and sea level rise risks relating to a large, low-lying island between the two mouths of the Mata Au (Clutha River).

Master Plan guides Westport's future growth and development

Communities are already having to respond to the impacts of climate change — one example is the main township in the Buller district, Westport. The town is coastal in nature, has a port facility on the Buller River and has a history of flooding and other natural disasters. The most recent devastating floods occurred in 2021 and 2022. Some people are still not back in their homes after the damage caused by these events, and the community is on high alert whenever heavy rain is forecast.

Buller District Council and West Coast Regional Council have set up Resilient Westport to improve flood protection infrastructure in Westport. Sitting alongside Resilient Westport is the Westport Master Plan, a long-term intergenerational strategy to guide future land use, infrastructure investment and development. NPHS have worked with the regional and local council to ensure that the proposed strategy is fair to all residents, particularly the most vulnerable members of the community.

The proposed draft Master Plan has identified an area where, over time, development could take place while investment continues to support and protect the equity and quality of life of residents and businesses of the current town. The 'new town' area is safe, elevated, has recreational possibilities, and is sub-dividable. This presents an opportunity to develop a proactive retreat lens, a process that has yet to be used in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Master Plan will be out for public consultation early in 2025. Whatever happens, public health has a role in continuing to support the Westport community.

Watch this video for more information about the [Westport Master Plan](#).

Promoting healthy environments

Community Waterways Partnership

Many passionate community groups in Christchurch | Ōtautahi have been working to improve the quality and recreational value of their local waterways. Monitoring of Christchurch's urban waterways have shown high levels of contaminants, above guidance levels for healthy waterways. Stormwater treatment won't address this issue alone, it also needs community action and education. Since 2021, the Community Waterways Partnership (CWP) has been working to foster greater collaboration and resource sharing to achieve common goals around improving the ecological health, indigenous biodiversity and amenity value of our urban waterways. Improving water quality is important to protect our health, and to support social, cultural and economic wellbeing.

There are over 50 partners involved in the Community Waterways Partnership, including Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, NPHS, Department of Conservation, Ministry for the Environment, universities, schools, industry representatives, and other community groups. The partnership aims to address knowledge gaps through education around the link between land use, stormwater, and waterways. A huge variety of different projects are underway, and the partnership host several community events throughout the year, including a World Rivers Day celebration and working bees. Being part of the partnership enables partners to connect and collaborate with others, and work on joint projects that build awareness about water quality.

More information can be found about the CWP [here](#), or alternatively contact us via email at communitywaterwayspartnership@ccc.govt.nz.

Keeping Aotearoa free from Exotic mosquitoes

Exotic mosquitos can transmit serious diseases such as Dengue Fever, Yellow Fever, and Zika, and they can cause significant disruptions to environmental, social, and economic systems. The rise in exotic mosquito interceptions is driven by increased travel and trade giving mosquitoes more chances to hitch a ride to New Zealand. Warmer temperatures driven by climate change may create favourable conditions for mosquito populations to thrive. These changes could also help diseases to spread. Currently the risk is low, but consequences are significant, making prevention critical to keep both communities and the healthcare system safe from significant disruption.

In May 2024, NPHS initiated an extensive response following the detection of a *Culex pipiens* mosquito at Port Nelson. The response lasted six months and involved comprehensive environmental surveys to identify the extent of mosquito presence. These surveys extended beyond the port into residential areas nearby to ensure no mosquito breeding sites were overlooked.

The operation involved the efforts of many people from NPHS teams across New Zealand, the Ministry for Primary Industries and staff from the Port. The response was successfully concluded in November 2024, with no further signs of mosquito activity. Together, several organisations effectively responded to the threat of exotic mosquitoes to protect public health and the economy.



Building capacity

Growing HiAP capacity through online webinars

NPHS hosts online hui for colleagues around Aotearoa New Zealand. The series aims to grow the understanding of HiAP and policy tools, and to support a national HiAP approach. In 2024, there were two very well attended presentations:

- Dr Liz Green on Climate Change Health Impact Assessment for Wales
- Dr Keri Wikitera & Veeshayne Patuwai on Navigating Cultural Impact Assessment – Empowering the Voices of Communities.

Watch recordings of the webinars from 2024 and previous years on this [here](#).

Public Health Registrar in Council

An important skill for furthering the Health in All Policies kaupapa is being able to work in partnership collaboratively and intersectorally. NPHS staff have much to learn from other government agencies and can also bring a focused public health perspective to support other agencies' goals.



“Everyone has been so welcoming of the public health perspective I bring.”

Dr Erika Sirisomboonwong is currently working at Environment Canterbury as part of her training to become a public health medicine specialist. She has joined their Strategic Programmes team, working on projects related to climate change, transport, and air quality.

“Working in a regional council has been such a valuable experience in seeing how Health in all Policies can work in action. I’ve been able to appreciate first-hand the collaborative work that occurs in councils and the ability to influence public health through social determinants such as transport and environmental health. Everyone has been so welcoming of the public health perspective I bring.”

Dr Sirisomboonwong hopes to utilise the organisational relationships she has built and her understanding of local government when she returns to NPHS to finish her training.

Broadly Speaking

In recognition that all planning, policies and action can potentially affect the health of a community, the team in Waitaha run free workshops focused on the determinants of health. Broadly Speaking brings together the health sector, local government and communities to think about the complexities of wellbeing in our population. Two Broadly Speaking workshops were held at the end of 2024 with great feedback. If you or your team would like to attend the next workshop, please contact TWP-NPHS-HIAP@TeWhatuOra.govt.nz to be placed on the waitlist.

“I highly recommend Broadly Speaking to not just people working in public health, but those whose line of work may intersect with public health. The content and discussions will provoke your thinking regardless of your public health knowledge and experience.”
Saane Namoa, Senior Administration Support.

