

Greater Christchurch Psychosocial Committee

The greater Christchurch Psychosocial Committee plans, coordinates, promotes, and monitors the psychosocial recovery and wellbeing of the population of greater Christchurch.



Key activities

The New Year is a time for reflection. Here are a few achievements as we look back on the second half of 2017.

Providing advice.

- Advised National Welfare Coordination Group of lessons learnt about the Canterbury Support Line
- At the request of the new Greater Christchurch Regeneration Minister, provided information about psychosocial impacts for 1) those with unresolved insurance claims, and 2) the earthquakes and children

Sharing expertise.

- Submitted on the Ōtākaro/Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan
- Provided information to the Christchurch Youth Council about activities in the Shared Programme of Action relating to the Youth Action Plan

Monitoring.

- Released the June 2017 Canterbury Wellbeing Survey report

Evaluating.

- Received report-back on the Greater Christchurch Parenting Support Package, a successful collaborative initiative between health and social services in NGO and government sectors, instigated in part by the Committee
- Received update from the New Zealand Red Cross as it completes its final recovery programme evaluations. NZRC and some of their partners acknowledged several initiatives would not have eventuated without the relationships and shared purpose built at the Psychosocial Committee
- Evaluation of Psychosocial Committee affirmed continued need for the Committee but identified it would be appropriate to meet less frequently

Evolving.

- The Governance Group accepted the final proposal for the review of the Canterbury Wellbeing Index. The review ensures the format and context are relevant and valuable in emerging 'post-recovery' contexts, and within resource constraints

Find out more

Shared Programme of Action

www.cph.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/CommunityInMindSharedProgrammeOfAction.pdf

Community in Mind strategy

www.cph.co.nz/your-health/community-in-mind/

Canterbury Wellbeing Survey

www.cph.co.nz/your-health/wellbeing-survey/

Canterbury Wellbeing Index

www.cph.co.nz/your-health/canterbury-wellbeing-index/

Continuing conversations

- As part of our commitment to championing accessibility in the rebuild, the Committee requested information from MBIE about the stalled progress on its Accessibility Plan
- We are continuing to learn more about the Community Resilience Partnerships Fund. <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/community-funding/community-resilience-partnership-fund>
- The Governance Group is taking an interest in the regional funding landscape
- Exploratory work around over-demand for mental health and social services across NGOs is on hold
- We are receiving updates about remaining earthquake repairs and call-backs (re-repairs).

Shared Programme of Action

Thanks to everyone who provided updates to the Shared Programme of Action last year. Your updates are always welcome. The latest activity table is available at www.cph.co.nz/your-health/community-in-mind/

Presenters

- Canterbury Support Line – Brian O’Connell, Homecare Medical
- Greater Christchurch Parenting Support Package – Jill Hawkey & Anne Gibling, Christchurch Methodist Mission, and Anna Mowat, ‘All Right?’
- Christchurch Youth Action Plan – Kendra Burgess-Naude & Kate Burgess, Christchurch Youth Council



Background

The Psychosocial Committee is an interagency group which came into existence in September 2010 to ensure appropriate supports for the population to recover from the earthquakes. We oversee the Community in Mind Strategy’s Shared Programme of Action, which includes numerous initiatives, services and supports. Some activities have clear connections to recovery, like the 0800 Canterbury Support line, the Residential Advisory Service and the ‘All Right?’ campaign. Other activities take a broader wellbeing approach, looking to the future—such as Whānau Ora Navigators, TimeBank Waimakariri, or Selwyn’s ‘Meet Your Street’.

In 2017, the Committee met every two months; in 2018, the Committee will meet quarterly. Meetings focus on surveying the psychosocial landscape to identify emerging or ongoing wellbeing issues within greater Christchurch and how to address these.

Current members of the committee are: ‘All Right?’, Canterbury DHB (Community and Public Health, Planning and Funding, Specialist Mental Health Services), Christchurch City Council, Earthquake Commission, Earthquake Disability Leadership Group (now called Christchurch for Everybody), Earthquake Support Coordination Service, Land Information New Zealand, Mental Health Education and Resource Centre, Mental Health Foundation, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Ministry of Education, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry of Social Development, New Zealand Red Cross, One Voice Te Reo Kotahi (NGO delegate), Pegasus Health, Selwyn District Council, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu – The Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency for the South Island, Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Raranga Interchurch Forum, University of Canterbury, and Waimakariri District Council.

The Psychosocial Committee escalates issues to the Psychosocial Governance Group as appropriate. Governance Group members are: Canterbury DHB, Christchurch City Council, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Greater Christchurch Group, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry for Children Oranga Tamariki, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu – The Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency for the South Island, Police, Selwyn District Council, and Waimakariri District Council.