

# Vision and Purpose of Community and Public Health

Community and Public Health is a division of the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB).

## Mission, Vision and Values of the Canterbury District Health Board

As a division, Community and Public Health aligns itself with the Canterbury DHB Mission, Vision and Values.

### Mission

To improve promote and protect the health of the people in the community and foster the wellbeing and independence of people with disabilities and reduce disparities.

### Vision

To promote enhance and facilitate the health and wellbeing of the people of Canterbury.

### Values

- Care and respect for others    Manaaki me te kōtua i etahi
- Integrity in all we do         Hāpai i a mātou mahi katoa i ruka i te pono
- Responsibility for outcomes    Kaiwhakarite i ka hua

## Community and Public Health's Goal

Community and Public Health has its own organisational goal to achieve the Canterbury DHB's mission: *Improved health and wellbeing based on Te Tiriti, equity, and planetary wellbeing.*

### The principles of Community and Public Health's work are:

- focusing on the health of communities rather than individuals;
- influencing health determinants;
- prioritising improvements in Māori health;
- reducing health disparities;
- basing practice on the best available evidence;
- building effective partnerships across the health sector and other sectors; and
- remaining responsive to new and emerging health threats.

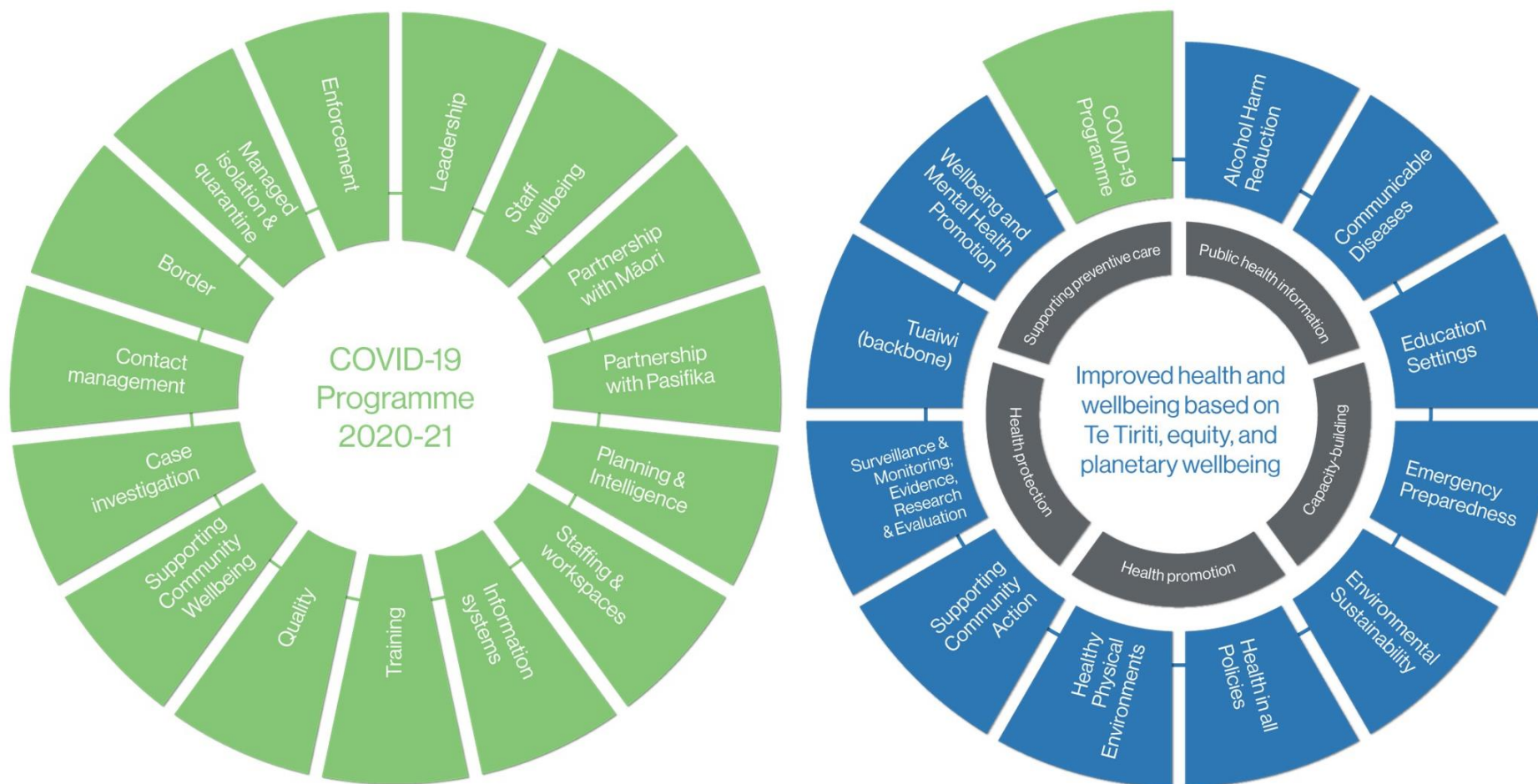
These public health priorities remain as well as responding to COVID-19 – which also influences all the other priorities.

The Divisional Leadership Team at Community and Public Health has their own purpose to support the achievement of the organisation: *To provide strategic leadership to Te Mana Ora Community & Public Health.* This support and leadership is provided to Community and Public Health staff, other divisions of the CDHB, and other DHBs in our region (South Canterbury DHB, and West Coast DHB).

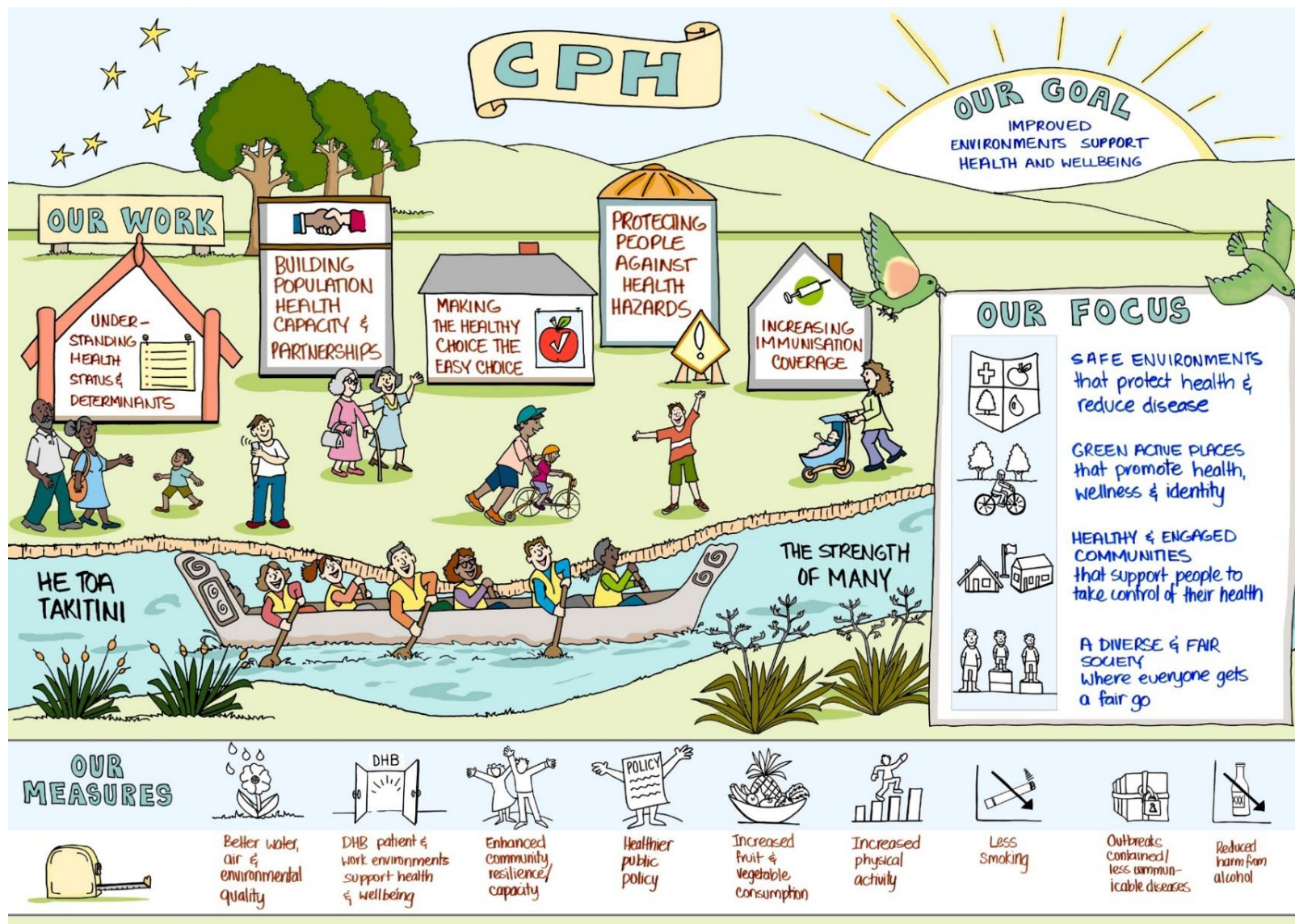
External organisations are also contributed to including:

- Local agencies (such as Environment Canterbury, city and district councils);
- Government departments (such as the Ministry for Social Development, Ministry of Education);
- Primary care agencies and other parts of the health system (including the Ministry of Health and other South Island Public Health Units); and
- Non-Government Organisations (such as Cancer Society, Mental Health Foundation).

**Figure 1:** Priorities of Community and Public Health’s COVID-19 programme for the 2020/21 financial year and how it fits within the organisation’s other public health priorities.



**Figure 2:** A pictorial display of the scope of all the non-COVID public health work of Community and Public Health.



**Canterbury**

District Health Board  
Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha